

Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

*Families or small groups might gather, taking turns serving as "One" and others responding with words in **bold print**, or the entire service is said by one person, knowing that others are praying in the same way in their own locations.*

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

One Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

All **O Come, Let us Worship.**

One Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

One Lord, open our lips

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Christ our Passover

(1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22)

All **Alleluia!**

One Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

All **Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Alleluia!**

One Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a human came death, *
by a human has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

All Alleluia!

One Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

All **O come, let us worship.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *New Revised Standard Version*

One But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116 (1-4, 12-19) (*Inclusive Language Psalter*)

One 1 I love the Lord * who has heard the voice of my supplication,

All **2 who has listened to me * whenever I called.**

One 3 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

All **4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: * "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

One 12 How shall I repay you, O Lord, * for all the good things you have done for me?

All **13 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon your name.**

One 14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all the people.

All **15 Precious in your sight, O Lord * is the death of your servants.**

One 16 O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

All **17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

One 18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all the people of God.

All **19 In the courts of the house of the Lord, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

1 Peter 1:17-23 New Revised Standard Version

One If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Music might be Inserted here, either a "live" offering of praise to God, or a recorded selection.

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:13-35)

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is

almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?
What does this story have to say to you today?*

Affirmation of Faith

All Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

One (In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One That our risen Saviour may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One That the Holy One may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One That by Divine power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One That the source of all Love may reveal the light of God's presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One That the One who spoke from the burning bush may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon all God's people, that we may bear faithful witness to the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All Hear us, Lord of glory!

One For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. people may add their own petitions.
Hear us, Lord;

All For your mercy is great.

One We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. people may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God;

All And praise your name for ever and ever.

One We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The people may name their remembered dead
Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

All Who put their trust in you.

One We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence for reflection.

All in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

One Risen Christ, companion on the way: break through the disillusionment and despair which cloud our vision, so that we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news.

All Amen.
Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Lord's Prayer

One Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

One Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

One May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All Amen.

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now

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