

# EASTER DAY

12 April 2020

## WELCOME

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the life-giving power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we learn to trust that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**Glory to God and highest praise** (Tune: Wiltshire)  
**His people sing on earth;**  
**Worship and thanks to you we raise:**  
**Grant peace, our world's new birth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb once slain,**  
**To take away all sin,**  
**Have mercy on our selfish gain,**  
**Your love all people win.**

**For you are God the Holy One,**  
**You are the Lord Most High,**  
**Who with the Spirit praises run**  
**In Father's glory nigh!**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

## ABSOLUTION

### COLLECT FOR EASTER

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## HYMN 205

(Tune: Easter Hymn)

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

### *A READING FOR THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us

who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

(Acts 10.34-43)

## THE EASTER ANTHEMS

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
**not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**  
(1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8)

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦  
death has no more dominion over him.  
**In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦  
in living he lives to God.**  
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(Romans 6.9–11)

**Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**  
For as by man came death: ♦  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;  
**for as in Adam all die: ♦  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**  
(1 Corinthians 15.20–22)

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*Alleluias are sung before and after the Gospel.*

*HEAR THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO  
MATTHEW*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*(Matthew 28.1-10)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Angel and the two Marys at the Empty Tomb,  
6th century mosaic, Ravenna



## **THE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
**maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

**Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
**the Lord, the giver of life,**  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### BLESSING

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

## HYMN 209

(Tune Savannah)

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

## NOTICES

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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