



Prayers for the Easter Season



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**Morning Prayer in the Easter Season
Common Worship**

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

A suitable hymn, or 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.**

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.

**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.**

**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.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting? *from 1 Corinthians 15*

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,
or The Song of Christ's Glory may be said

Refrain:

**The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

**Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, •
who has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, •
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old •
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**

**To show mercy to our ancestors, •
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: •
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, •
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, •
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation •
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God •
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, •
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

**The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered
¶ for the day and its tasks
¶ for the world and its needs
¶ for the Church and her life

These responses may be used

**Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer**

(or)

**Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Collect of the day or the following is said

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Morning Prayer in the Easter Season
Northumbria Community**

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: Who is it that you seek?

Response: We seek the Lord our God.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Response: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.**

Scripture Reading(s)

Today's Meditation

Prayers for others

Canticle

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.

Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Taken from [Morning/Midday/Evening] Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer published by Collins.'

**Prayer During the Day in the Easter Season
Common Worship**

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. *Psalm 139.7*

Praise

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;

today I am glorified with him.

Yesterday I was dead with Christ;

today I am sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday I was buried with him;

today I am waking with him from the sleep of death. *Gregory of Nazianzus (389)*

The Word of God

Psalmody

On Easter Day and any day *Psalm 118.14-24*

(or)

Sunday *Psalm 114*

Monday *Psalm 30*

Tuesday *Psalm 66.1-11*

Wednesday *Psalm 106.1-12*

Thursday *Psalm 111*

Friday *Psalm 145.1-8*

Saturday *Psalm 146*

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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.**

Bible Reading or one of the following short readings

Monday

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Zephaniah 3.14-18

Tuesday

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. I Corinthians 15.42-44a,47-49

Wednesday

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Colossians 3.1-4

Thursday

As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus 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?' Luke 24.28-32

Friday

Job said, 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.' Job 19.23-27a

Saturday

I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.'

Revelation 1.12,13,17,18

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ¶ Prisoners and captives

The Collect of the day (here) or the following prayer is said

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

Amen

The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ give us his peace.

Alleluia. Amen.

**Easter Morning Prayer
in the Moravian tradition**

The Lord is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

Hail all hail victorious Lord and Saviour
You have burst the bonds of death.

Joyful, we with one accord
Hail you as our risen Lord.

Praise

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

14 The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
22 **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honour, glory, and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,
And was raised to new life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Bible Reading(s) and Meditation

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As you taught your disciples to pray, so we pray together:

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

What we are saying brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonour,

Is raised in glory:

What is sown in weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body.

Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

**Make us complete in everything good so that we may do your will, working among us all that is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer from *Moravian Daily* Texts, 1995 (The *Moravian* Church in America, 1995)

Morning Prayer for the Easter Season
New Zealand Prayer Book

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.
Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

The theme of praise may continue with the following or some other Song of Praise.

Great and wonderful are your deeds

O Lord God the almighty:

just and true are your ways

O Sovereign of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?
for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen. *Revelation 15:3b-4; 5:13*

Bible Readings

We can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.
All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Then follows the **Psalm** (or **Psalms**) appointed.

At the end of the psalm is said

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.

Bible Reading

Silence may follow the reading.

The reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers

The Conclusion

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:

God's mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning:

your faithfulness O Lord is great.

You are all that I have:

and therefore I will wait for you.

You O Lord are good to those who wait for you:

to all those who seek you.

It is good to wait in patience:

for the salvation of the Lord.

Lamentations 3:22-26

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.

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**Wild Goose Worship – A Wee Worship Book
Morning Liturgy A**

Call to worship

In the beginning
before time, before people,
before the world began

God was

Here and now
among us, beside us
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven

God is

In the future
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfilment

God will be

Not denying the world but delighting in it
not condemning the world, but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ
by the power of the Holy Spirit

God was

God is

God will be

Prayer

Let us pray

In you, gracious God
the widowed find a carer
the orphaned find a parent
the fearful find a friend.

In you,
the wounded find a healer
the penitent find a pardoner
the burdened find a counsellor.

In you,
the miserly find a beggar,
the despondent find a laughter-maker
the legalists find a rule breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ
we meet our Maker
and our match.

And if some need to say 'help me'
and if some need to say 'save me'
and if some need to say 'hold me'
and if some need to say 'forgive me'
then let these be said now
in confidence
by us.

silence

O Christ
in whose heart is both welcome and warning
say to us,
do to us
reveal within us
the things that will make us whole.

And we will wait;
and we will praise you,
Amen

Bible Reading

Hear the Word of God
Our ears are open

A reading from...

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection

Prayers

Closing Response

For all that God can do within us
for all that God can do without us
Thanks be to God

For all in whom Christ lived before us
For all in whom Christ lives beside us
Thanks be to God

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us

Thanks be to God

Listen

Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship

Amen

We go to serve him.

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