

Morning Prayer (Easter)

Preparation

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

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

*One or more of the following is said or sung:
this or another prayer of thanksgiving*

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.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

a suitable hymn, or the Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death: ♦
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die: ♦
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

All **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.**

This opening prayer may be said

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.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each appointed psalm may end with:

All **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 readings for the day follow, with time for reflection

Responsary

Death is swallowed up in victory.

All **Where, O death, is your sting?**
Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

All **Death is swallowed up in victory.**
The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

All **Where, O death, is your sting?**
We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

All **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,

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

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
 who has come to his people and set them free.
2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
 born of the house of his servant David.
3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that
 hate us,
4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
 and to remember his holy covenant.
5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
 High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of
peace. **Luke 1.68-79**

All **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.**

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

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven**

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**