

☩ Morning Prayer

Easter Season

Saturday, 27 April 2024

Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894 [Commemoration]

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: □
death has no more dominion over him.

4In dying he died to sin once for all: □
in living he lives to God.

5See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: □
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

6Christ has been raised from the dead: □
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7For as by man came death: □
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8for as in Adam all die: □
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

AllGlory 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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 34

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; □
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; □
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me; □
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord and he answered me □
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look upon him and be radiant □
and your faces shall not be ashamed. R

6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me □
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him □
and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; □
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, □
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, □
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good. R

11 Come, my children, and listen to me; □
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who is there who delights in life □
and longs for days to enjoy good things?

13 Keep your tongue from evil □
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; □
seek peace and pursue it. R

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous □
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, □
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them □
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted □
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. R

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; □
from them all will the Lord deliver them.

20 He keeps all their bones, □
so that not one of them is broken.

21 But evil shall slay the wicked □
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants □
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Send your holy angels
to watch over us, O God,
that on our lips will be found your truth
and in our hearts your love;
so we may ever taste your goodness
in the land of the living;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms 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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Exodus 40.17-end

In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was set up. Moses set up the tabernacle; he laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars; and he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent over it; as the Lord had commanded Moses. He took the covenant and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark, and set the mercy-seat above the ark; and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the curtain for screening, and screened the ark of the covenant; as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the curtain, and set the bread in order on it before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, and set up the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the curtain, and offered fragrant incense on it; as the Lord had commanded Moses. He also put in place the screen for the entrance of the tabernacle. He set the altar of burnt-offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt-offering and the grain-offering as the Lord had commanded Moses. He set the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet. When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed; as the Lord had commanded Moses. He set up the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and put up the screen at the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.

Canticle

The Song of Moses and Miriam, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 23 \(page 574\)](#) or [number 32 \(page 583\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All
In your unfailing love, O Lord,

you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alleluia.

1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, \square
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

2The Lord is my strength and my song □

and has become my salvation.

3This is my God whom I will praise, □

the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.

4The Lord is a warrior, □

the Lord is his name.

5Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: □

your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

6At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; □

they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

7In your unfailing love, O Lord, □

you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

8And by your invincible strength □

you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

9You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, □

in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3, 6, 10, 13, 17

AllGlory 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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Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Luke 4.31-37

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, ‘What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!’ And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Death is swallowed up in victory.

AllWhere, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

AllDeath is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound

and the dead shall be raised.

AllWhere, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,

but we shall be changed.

AllDeath is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

or [The Song of Christ’s Glory \(page 619\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

AllThe Lord is risen from the tomb

who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

1Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ☩

who has come to his people and set them free.

2He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ☩

born of the house of his servant David.

3Through his holy prophets God promised of old ☩

to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

4To show mercy to our ancestors, ☩
and to remember his holy covenant.

5This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ☩
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6Free to worship him without fear, ☩
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ☩
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation ☩
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God ☩
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To 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

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Prayers

Intercessions are offered

☩ for the day and its tasks

☩ for the world and its needs

☩ for the Church and her life

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364–365](#)

- ¶ 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

A form of prayer found [on page 382](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,

from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that we may seek those things which are above,

where he reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

AllAmen.

The Lord’s Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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.

(or)

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

AllOur Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Conclusion

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

AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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