



## Easter Day

### **Gathering**

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

This is the day on which the Lord has risen:  
**let us rejoice and celebrate. Alleluia!**

**Hymn** Jesus Christ is risen today

### **Prayer**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **Confession**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

God of resurrection  
of life and death  
and rebirth

**Renew our hearts and minds**

God of promise  
of all beginnings  
and all endings

**Renew our hearts and minds**

God of hope  
of new growth  
and harvest

**Renew our hearts and minds**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Reading: John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Hymn:** The day of resurrection

## **Reflection**

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

My brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Intercessions

### The Lord's Prayer

Our 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 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!

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

### **An act of Spiritual Communion**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
stay in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Hymn:** Thine be the glory

## Jesus Christ is risen today

Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly King, *Alleluia*.  
who endured the Cross and grave, *Alleluia*.  
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

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

*Surrexit Christus hodie*  
*Anonymous Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708), Compleat Psalmist (1749 Arnold),*  
*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## The day of resurrection

The day of resurrection,  
Earth, tell it out abroad!  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth up to the sky,  
our God has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that has no end.

*Anastaseos hemera*

*John of Damascus (c.675-749) translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

## Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

*Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)*