

Morning Prayer - Passiontide

from 31st March 2026

Preparation

O Lord open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth

All your saving power among the nations.

A Song of Lamentation

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

Which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.

Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
the wormwood and the gall!

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
his mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that we should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever;
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
According to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Cantic

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but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

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,
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These responses may be used

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All hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

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All Lord, graciously hear us.

This Collect is said

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Good Friday

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Maundy Thursday

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

Easter Eve

In the depths of our isolation
we cry to you, Lord God:
give light in our darkness
and bring us out of the prison of our despair;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Morning Prayer – Easter Season

from 5th April 2026

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In your resurrection, O Christ,

All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

An Easter Anthem

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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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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 -Psalms, Old Testament and New Testament Readings

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

Psalms 114, 117 Ex 14:10-18, 26-15:2 Revelation 15:2-4

Monday 6th April – Monday of Easter Week

Psalms 111,117,146 Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Tuesday 7th April – Tuesday of Easter Week

Psalms 112, 147:1-12 Exodus 12:14-36 1 Cor 15:12-19

Wednesday 8th April – Wednesday of Easter Week

Ps 113, 147:13-end Exodus 12:37-end 1 Cor 15:20-28

Thursday 9th April – Thursday of Easter Week

Psalms 114, 148 Exodus 13:1-16 1 Cor 15:29-34

Friday 10th April – Friday of Easter Week

Psalms 115, 149 Exodus 13:17-14:14 1 Cor 15:35-50

Saturday 11th April – Saturday of Easter Week

Psalms 116, 150 Exodus 14:15-end 1 Cor 15:51-end

Sunday 12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 81:1-10 Exodus 12:1-17 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Monday 13th April

Psalm 2, 19 Exodus 15:1-21 Colossians 1:1-14

A responsory may follow the Scripture Readings

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.

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

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from 1 Corinthians 15

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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.

All Amen.

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The Conclusion

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

All Amen

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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