

# ***Morning Prayer – Easter Season***

*from 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

## **Preparation**

O Lord open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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*

**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.



# Gospel Cantic

## *The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

**All** 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.

*Luke 1.68-79*

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## Prayers

Intercessions are offered for the world and its needs, the Church, and for ourselves.

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy                      or                      Lord, hear us  
**All**    hear our prayer.                      **All**    Lord, graciously hear us.  
*Silence may be kept.*

***This Collect or the Collect of the day is said***

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.	<b><i>Philip and James, Apostles</i></b> Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
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**All**    Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer is said***

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All**    Amen

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All**    Thanks be to God