

Morning Prayer – Easter Season

from 21st 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.

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

Tuesday 21st April

Psalms 98, 99, 100 Exodus 20:1-21 Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday 22nd April

Psalm 105 Exodus 24 Luke 1:39-56

Thursday 23rd April – George, martyr, patron of England

Psalms 5, 146 Joshua 1:1-9 Ephesians 6:10-20

Friday 24th April

Psalm 107 Exodus 28:1-4a, 29-38 Luke 2:1-20

Saturday 25th April – Mark the Evangelist

Ps 37:23-end, 148 Isaiah 62:6-10 Acts 12:25-13:13

Sunday 26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 106:6-24 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Monday 27th April

Psalms 103 Exodus 32:1-14 Luke 2:41-end

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.

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 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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and to the Holy Spirit;
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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,
you filled your
disciples with
boldness and fresh
hope:
strengthen us to
proclaim your risen
life
and fill us with your
peace,
to the glory of God
the Father.

George, martyr, patron of England

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen
Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of
love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the
fullness of the resurrection;
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.

Mark the Evangelist

Almighty God,
who enlightened your holy
Church
through the inspired witness
of your evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly
grounded in the truth of the
gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching
both in word and deed;

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