

*Morning Prayer Easter Season*

*Monday, 27 April 2026 Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894*

## **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.**

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.**

**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*

**3**

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

**4**

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

**5**

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

*Romans 6.9-11*

**6**

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

**7**

For as by man came death: ◆

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

**8**

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.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

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**

*Exodus 32.1-14*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.” ’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

***Refrain:***

***All***

**In your unfailing love, O Lord,  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.  
Alleluia.**

***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.**

***Luke 2.41-end***

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years

old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

*The is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God***

### **Short Reflection**

**from 1 Corinthians 15**

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?**

**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.**

**Prayers**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

As we continue through this season of Easter may we discipline ourselves and devote our time to you, and place you our risen Lord at the centre of our lives.

Let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in our communities.

Bless this combined benefice of KC-HD and the Lent study group on Wednesday evenings.

Bless Sarah Mullally our new Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Rose, Estella our new Archdeacon, Simon our Area Dean, Paula our Rector, Jim our Associate Priest, and our Readers Caroline and Pim, and all the laity leading our services. We pray especially for our PCCs, bless and prosper the plans for Mission in our combined benefice.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Dear Lord we pray for our divided and troubled world, We pray for a fair and just peace between Ukraine and Russia, and within the most recent troubles in the Middle East - most especially in Iran, Lebanon and the Middle Eastern region, we ask for your blessing on all those who are brokering a peace deal or trying to bring stability.

We ask for your grace upon those who are refugees and seeking asylum.

We pray for all the world's leaders, that may they exercise wisdom and make the right decisions for the benefit of all. Especially pray for healing of the divisions that occur. As we consider the climate crisis - the storms, floods, rising temperatures and melting glaciers, may the world's leaders commit to the transition to renewable energy and realise that urgent action is required.

Bless and guide Charles our King and the Royal family; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that men may honour one another; and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Within our communities we pray for all who are  
In poverty, homeless or without employment.

We pray for families struggling with debt - GrowBaby  
For the work of our Food banks within Faversham  
Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our  
neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and  
love as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or  
spirit, praying for all those who are sick and especially  
those with dementia and those who care for them. Those  
who are anxiously waiting for test results or treatments

especially if they have been delayed, those in end-of-life care, those who are living with disabilities, those who are depressed, those who are despairing.....; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. We pray for those with an anniversary of the death of a loved one at this time.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Lord of mercy and light, at this time of Easter draw us closer to Your heart. Teach us to walk humbly, to love deeply, and to forgive freely. Strip away the noise that distracts us, and open our eyes to the needs of those around us. Remind us of our dependence on You, may our prayers deepen our trust in You, and our giving reflect Your boundless generosity and new risen life in you.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***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.

***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. Alleluia, alleluia.**