

Morning Prayer

(Second Sunday of Easter - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Opening Scripture

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.
And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.
-John 11:25

Hymn - Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
"Where, O death, is now thy sting?" alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save; alleluia!
"Where's thy victory, boasting grave?" alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
First-borne fruit of new creation, Alleluia!
One with Christ we too shall rise, Alleluia!
When on earth his throne resides, Alleluia!

Words by Charles Wesley, 1789

Tune: Lyra Davidica, 1708/ Last verse by Jay Hewitt

Confession (Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
And search our hearts with the light of the risen Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence

May the risen Christ of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life.

Amen.

Psalm of the Week

Psalm 133 (NIV)

A song of ascents. Of David.

1 How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron’s beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

[Acts 4:32-35](#)

[1 John 1:1 - 2:2](#)

(Stand)

[John 20:19-31](#)

(A short silence is kept after the reading of the gospel)

Profession of Faith (based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20)

This is the good news that we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
And appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.
That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of his resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That in the undying love of Christ
we may have union with all who have died in the faith of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the
mercy and protection of God this day.

Intercessions (A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names
and situations that you would like to bring before God.)

- We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers)
- We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors...
- We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life...

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ
our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

A Prayer for Wednesday in Easter Week (Book of Common Prayer)

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Benediction

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hymn - Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!

Following our exalted head; alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!