

## Morning Prayer

### (Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B)



The Liturgy Letter

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!

### Opening Scripture

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

-John 15:3-4

### Hymn - Alleluia Alleluia (Tune: Joyful Joyful)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:  
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctify.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862 / Music: Ludwig Van Beethoven.*

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

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

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!  
Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

*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 98 (NIV)

*A psalm.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.
- 2 The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- 3 He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.
- 4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;
- 5 make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,
- 6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
- 7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it.  
8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
9 let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## **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 10:44-48](#)

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

*(Stand)*

[John 15:9-17](#)

(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](#).*

## **Collect for the Sixth Sunday in Easter (Book of Common Prayer)**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Benediction**

May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory.  
He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Doxology (from *The Genevan Psalter*, 1551)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.