

## Morning Prayer

(Second Sunday of Easter - Year C)



The Liturgy Letter

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!

### Opening Scripture

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

-Psalm 32:6 (NIV)

### Hymn - I Know that My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head.

He lives to silence all my fears;  
he lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to grant me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, and while I live, I'll sing;  
he lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save.  
What joy this blessed assurance gives:  
I know that my redeemer lives!

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### Confession

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.**

**Lord, our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgment;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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 through the power of his resurrection  
raise you to new life.  
**Amen.**

### **Psalm 118:14-29 (NIV)**

14 The Lord is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

16 The Lord's right hand is lifted high;  
the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

17 I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

18 The Lord has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
20 This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.  
21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.  
22 The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
23 the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.  
25 Lord, save us!  
Lord, grant us success!  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.  
27 The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.  
28 You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

## **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 5:27-32**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

*(Stand)*

**John 20:19-31**

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

## **Profession of Faith (Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV)**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new  
covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of  
Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **Benediction (based on Hebrews 13:20-21)**

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!**

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready  
to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

**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.