

Morning Prayer

(Third 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 - In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Words and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Confession

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.
—Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

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 30 (NIV)

A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David.

- 1 I will exalt you, Lord,
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
- 2 Lord my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me.
- 3 You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.
- 4 Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.

5 For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.
6 When I felt secure, I said,
“I will never be shaken.”
7 Lord, when you favored me,
you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face,
I was dismayed.
8 To you, Lord, I called;
to the Lord I cried for mercy:
9 “What is gained if I am silenced,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
10 Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;
Lord, be my help.”
11 You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you 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 9:1-20

Revelation 5:11-14

(Stand)

John 21:1-19

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 all those buried 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 Third Sunday of Easter (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 (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.