

## Morning Prayer

### (Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C)



The Liturgy Letter

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!

### Opening Scripture

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."  
-Revelation 1:17-18

### 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

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 forgive you and free you from your sins,

Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

And raise you to new life.

**Amen.**

## Psalm 148 (NIV)

1 Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.

2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for at his command they were created,

6 and he established them for ever and ever—  
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,  
8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
stormy winds that do his bidding,  
9 you mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,  
10 wild animals and all cattle,  
small creatures and flying birds,  
11 kings of the earth and all nations,  
you princes and all rulers on earth,  
12 young men and women,  
old men and children.  
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.  
14 And he has raised up for his people a horn,  
the praise of all his faithful servants,  
of Israel, the people close to his heart.  
Praise the Lord.

## **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 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

*(Stand)*

John 13:31-35

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

## Profession of Faith (from 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 all the baptized 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 Fifth Sunday in Easter (Book of Common Prayer)**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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! Alleluia!**

### **Doxology (Traditional, Old 100th)**