

Morning Prayer

(Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C)



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 - 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!

Words: Samuel Medley / Tune: John Hatton

Confession (from Common Book of Prayer)

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.

**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 forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
And raise you to new life.
Amen.

Psalm 67 (NIV)

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

2 so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

3 May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
5 May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
6 The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
7 May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

(Stand)

John 14:23-29

(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 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 (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 (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.