



Morning Prayer (Easter 4 /Year A)

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Hymn - In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
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Words and Music: Jacques Berthier (Taize)

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 raise you to new life.
Amen.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

(stand)

John 10:1-10

(a short silence)

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

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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
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.

(free prayer may be offered)

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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