

# Morning Prayer

## Second Sunday of Easter - Year A



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 16 (NIV)**

*A miktam of David.*

- 1 Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."
- 3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- 4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.

5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

11 You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## **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 2:14a, 22-32**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

*(stand)*

**John 20:19-31**

*(short silence)*

## **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.

**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.