

*Morning Prayer*    *Easter Season* 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020↑

*Preparation*

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*the Easter Anthems*

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦  
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.      *1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦  
death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦  
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Romans 6.9–11*

6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦

the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death: ♦  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die: ♦  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**Hymn: 208 Help us to help each other, Lord,**

Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let each his friendly aid afford,  
and feel another's care.

Up into thee, our living head,  
let us in all things grow,  
and by thy sacrifice be led  
the fruits of love to show.

Touched by the lodestone of thy love  
let all our hearts agree;  
and ever towards each other move,  
and ever move t'wards thee.

This is the bond of perfectness,

thy spotless charity.  
O let us still, we pray, possess  
the mind that was in thee.

## **The Word of God**

### *Scripture Reading*

Acts 2: 42 to end

Sermon

### *The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

#### **All The Lord is risen from the tomb**

**who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**All** Glory to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

### Prayers

Collect

**All** Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Intercessions

*Response to* Lord, in your mercy *is* hear our prayer.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven ...

### The Conclusion

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be amongst us , and remain with us always Amen

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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