

## **EVENING WORSHIP FOR 2 MAY**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the deep waters of death  
you brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
Through him dark death has been destroyed  
and radiant life is everywhere restored.  
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light  
may our lives reflect his glory  
and our lips repeat the endless song.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## HYMN – Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

### *Silence*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

### **The Word of God**

#### **Psalm 96**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;   
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;   
tell out his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations   
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;   
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are but idols;   
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Honour and majesty are before him;   
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;   
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;   
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;   
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. ♦  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.

11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; ♦  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

12 Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; ♦  
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; ♦  
with righteousness he will judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

**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.**

### Reading from Scripture – Mark 16.9-16

9 Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

12 After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

14 Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. 16 The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Response

The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.

**All The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.

**All He has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All The Lord is my strength and my song:  
he has become my salvation.**

## The Magnificat

**All The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;   
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;   
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him,   
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm   
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones   
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things   
and sent the rich away empty. 

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors,   
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

### Prayers – beginning with intercession

#### The Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All** Amen.

#### 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  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Conclusion**

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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