

EASTER 4 3rd May 2020

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never ending treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then would I thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading Acts 2.42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching
and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to

prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders
and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the
believers were together and had everything in common.
Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone
as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together
in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes
and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising
God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the
Lord added to their number daily those who were being
saved.

Hymn:

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*



He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup – it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.
Chorus

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
Chorus.

Gospel Reading John 10: 1 - 10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family**

in heaven and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wond'rings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Prayers

Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O keep my soul and deliver me;

let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in
you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Absolution

Hymn

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing When the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger
Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

And on that day When my strength is failing
The end draws near, And my time has come
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, And then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name,

Yes, I'll worship Your holy name

Notices

Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.