

## **A note about Morning Prayer**

Marking the times of the day with prayer — sanctifying time — is a practice shared by all of the Abrahamic faith traditions (Christianity, Judaism and Islam). In the monastic communities of the early church, life centered around shared prayer in the divine offices, or liturgy of the hours. These offices consisted of a psalm, appointed Bible readings, canticles, and the Lord's Prayer. Eventually seven offices developed: Matins, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline.

During the English Reformation, Thomas Cranmer, the primary author of the first Book of Common Prayer, simplified these many offices to two — Morning and Evening Prayer. The offices are designed to be led by laity or clergy, making them accessible to everyone. For centuries, Morning Prayer shaped the pattern of Sunday worship in many communities, especially when clergy were shared between multiple communities. Of necessity, the Eucharist only occurred when the priest could be present, often just one Sunday a month. And, as often happens, a pattern born of necessity became the tradition. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer restored the practice of the early church with the Eucharist as the primary expression of worship on Sundays in the Episcopal tradition.

As we return to the tradition of Morning Prayer in our faith communities during this diaspora, we are consciously returning to that longstanding tradition of sanctifying time. The Daily Office can be a rich and rewarding way to connect with God. Daily lectionary readings ground the offices solidly in scripture, and following the lectionary cycle makes it possible for one to read/hear most of the Bible in the course of the two year cycle of readings. Just as the cycles of the liturgical year orient us toward the overarching story of the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, grounding our days in the the offices provides us with a daily reminder of God's activity throughout the ages.

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# Easter Day

April 12, 2020

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover**

**1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

Psalm 118: *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

**Let Israel now proclaim, \***  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

**There is a sound of exultation and victory \***  
**in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

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

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***  
**I will enter them;**

**I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \***  
**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing, \***  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:1-6 Read by Connor Pyburn*

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
"Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*He is Risen*

*Hymnal #180 Verses 1,4*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver - now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.



## The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen***

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

Officiant     The Lord be with you.  
People        **And also with you.**  
Officiant     Let us pray

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Suffrages*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Collects*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome

by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*At this time the community is invited to type in their prayers, both petitions and thanksgivings. For whom and for what shall we pray?*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP 101, Adapted**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your beloved servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that even as we lament our separation from one another at this time,  
we may know the deeper assurance of your abiding presence.  
May we continually show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.****

Officiant      Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

### **The Blessing**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a piece, likely a hymn or cantata. It consists of three staves: a vocal line at the top, a piano accompaniment line in the middle, and a bass line at the bottom. The vocal line is written in a treble clef and contains the lyrics. The piano accompaniment is written in a treble clef and features chords and melodic lines. The bass line is written in a bass clef and provides a harmonic foundation. The lyrics are: "suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia! sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia! where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!"

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