

Easter Season

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.

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.

The Word of God

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

²Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I
live.

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

¹⁰I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;

¹¹I said in my consternation,
“Everyone is a liar.”

¹²What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your
serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving
sacrifice

and call on the name of the LORD.

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.**

Acts 2:14a,36-41

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel
know with certainty that God has made
him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus
whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were
cut to the heart and said to Peter and to
the other apostles, “Brothers, what
should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them,
“Repent, and be baptized every one of
you in the name of Jesus Christ so that
your sins may be forgiven; and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For
the promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away, everyone
whom the Lord our God calls to
him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other
arguments and exhorted them, saying,
“Save yourselves from this corrupt
generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed

his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Canticle

All In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

Alleluia.

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, ♦
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my song ♦
and has become my salvation.
- 3 This is my God whom I will praise, ♦
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
- 4 The Lord is a warrior, ♦
the Lord is his name.
- 5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: ♦
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- 6 At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; ♦
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
- 7 In your unfailing love, O Lord, ♦
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
- 8 And by your invincible strength ♦

you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

- 9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, ♦

in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Alleluia.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be

condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then

they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen
asleep.

All Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

All Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Gospel Canticle

**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.

Luke 1.68-79

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.**

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

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen
Lord*

¶ *God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may
meet their responsibility to care*

¶ *Those in despair and darkness, that they may find
the hope and light of Christ*

¶ *Those in fear of death, that they may find faith
through the resurrection*

¶ *Prisoners and captives*

Silence may be kept.

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples

with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,

that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen
life

and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen. The Lord's Prayer is said

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

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

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.**