



MORNING PRAYER

FOR

ASCENSION DAY

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the message we have heard from Christ:

**that God is light, in whom there is
no darkness at all.**

1 John 1.5

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2 The Opening Canticle, 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.

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.

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.

3 The Opening Prayer

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

Silence may be kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 110

- 1 The Lord said to my lord:
 'Sit at my right hand,
 until I make your enemies your footstool.'
- 2 The Lord commits to you the sceptre of your power:
 reign from Zion in the midst of your enemies.
- 3 Noble are you, from the day of your birth
 upon the holy hill:
 radiant are you, even from the womb,
 in the morning dew of your youth.
- 4 The Lord has sworn and will not turn back:
 'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'
- 5 The king shall stand at your right hand, O Lord:
 and shatter kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 Glorious in majesty, he shall judge among the nations:
 and shatter heads over a wide land.
- 7 He shall slake his thirst from the brook beside the way:
 therefore shall he lift up his head.

5 At the end of the psalm there may follow

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share our human nature,
so we may be partakers in his divine glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading John 14: 12-29

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the

Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

7 The Canticle, A Song of God's Reign

**See what the Lord our God has done
and exalt him in the sight of the living.**

- 1 Blessed be God, who lives for ever,
whose reign endures throughout all ages.
- 2 Declare God's praise before the nations,
you who are the children of Israel.
- 3 For if our God has scattered you among them,
there too has he shown you his greatness.
- 4 Exalt him in the sight of the living,
because he is our Lord and God and our Father for ever.
- 5 Though God punishes you for your wickedness,
mercy will be shown to you all.
- 6 God will gather you from every nation,

from wherever you have been scattered.
7 When you turn to the Lord
with all your heart and soul,
God will hide his face from you no more.
8 See what the Lord has done for you
and give thanks with a loud voice.
9 Praise the Lord of righteousness
and exalt the King of the ages.

Tobit 13.1,3,4-6a

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The Prayers

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend,
and with him continually dwell;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

In faith and hope we pray:

Lord Jesus, after having given your life on the cross, you entered the glory of the Father. May all people come to share your risen life.
In you, Jesus, God made a new covenant with us. You are with us always, until the

end of time.

Jesus, you appeared to your disciples after your passion. Strengthen our faith by your presence in our midst.

Jesus, you promised the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. May the Spirit of consolation renew our faithfulness to you.

Jesus, you sent your apostles to proclaim the Good News to the ends of the earth. May the Holy Spirit make us witnesses to your love.

We join our prayers and praises with the saints
and proclaim that Christ has given us the victory.

Lord and heavenly Father,
you have brought us safely to this new day:
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,
guard us from every kind of danger,
and in all we do this day
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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May the risen Lord grant us the joy of eternal life. Amen.

