



MORNING PRAYER

FOR

THE FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

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

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

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,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- 3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself
to dwell within your courts:
we shall be filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
- 4 You will answer us in your righteousness
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the distant seas;
- 5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains:
you that are girded with power;
- 6 Who stilled the raging of the seas,
the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
- 8 You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.

Psalm 67

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.

- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

At the end of the psalm there may follow this prayer.

Holy God,
through your beloved Son
you reconciled all things to yourself,
making peace by the blood of his cross:
fill us and those for whom we pray with your peace and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6 The Reading John 15: 12-25

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The World’s Hatred

‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.”

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

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

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

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

**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.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow ...

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises ...

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...

Lord Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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

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