

A simple Office of Morning Prayer for the Easter Season
adapted from Common Worship: Daily Prayer, and Society of St.
Francis (Anglican Franciscans)

OPENING

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

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.**

Blessèd are you, Lord our God, redeemer and king of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever!
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world,
and in your great love, fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May we, the first-fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made;
may Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessèd be God for ever!

PSALM

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Reading - *(usually from Acts of the Apostles in Easter season)*

Easter Season Canticle

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:

so let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over him. In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God. See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death: by man has come also the resurrection of the dead; for as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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.

Reading from the Gospel

BENEDICTUS

refrain: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Refrain; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Intercessory Prayers

God of strength, we ask you to protect us from the spread of the coronavirus. You are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer: Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

(Psalm 57. 1)

(Silence is kept)

God of peace, we remember those living in the worst-affected areas, and all in isolation. May we know your presence in our isolation, your peace in our turmoil, and your patience in our waiting. Prince of Peace, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer:

May your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

Help us, God our Saviour, for the glory of your name. *(Psalm 79. 8)*

(Silence is kept)

God of comfort and counsel, we pray for those who are grieving the sudden loss of loved ones. May they find your fellowship in their suffering, your comfort in their loss, and your hope in their despair. We name before you the weak and vulnerable, and those in particular need of prayer: [NN.]

God of all comfort, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer:

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.

On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us. (2

Corinthians 1. 10)

(Silence is kept)

God of healing, we ask for your blessing on medical professionals, and all who are fighting the spread of the virus. Grant them resilience in weakness, discernment in diagnosis, and compassion in their care. God of all healing, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer: Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. (*Jeremiah 32. 17*)
(*Silence is kept*)

God of wisdom, we pray for our leaders; especially the World Health Organisation, national governments, and local leaders. Grant those in positions of responsibility wisdom and strength to seek the safety and well-being of those in their charge. God of all wisdom, you are powerful and merciful; may this be our prayer: God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. (*Psalms 46. 1, 2*)
(*Silence is kept*)

Lord God almighty, we take refuge in you. Fill us with your reconciling love, and grant us the comfort of your saving presence. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (*2 Timothy 4.*)

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**[For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.] Amen.**

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

CONCLUSION

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

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!