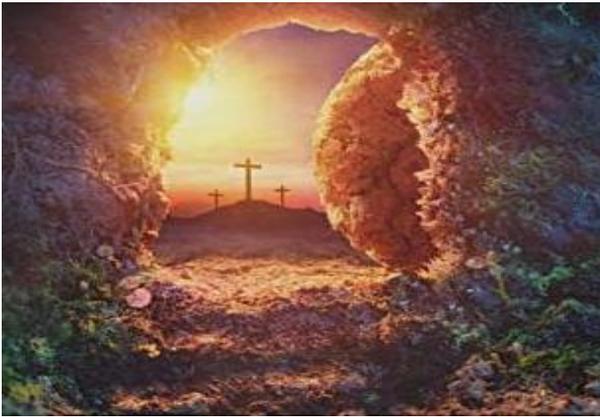


# Morning Prayer

## Easter tide



*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

### Gathering

*An informal welcome is given.*

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As once you ransomed your people from  
Egypt and led them to freedom in the  
promised land, so now you have delivered us  
from the dominion of darkness and brought  
us into the kingdom of your risen Son.  
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

**Amen.**

### Psalm 118: 24-29

This is the day that the Lord has made:  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord:  
**O Lord, we beseech you, give us life!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
the Lord:  
**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, he has given us his light:  
**With branches in our hands, we will process  
with joy to the altar of the Lord.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you:  
**You are my God, I will praise you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
**His steadfast love endures for ever.**

**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 Scripture

*This may be followed by a brief reflection.*

### A Response

Death is swallowed up in victory.  
**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of  
those who have fallen asleep.  
**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound and the  
dead shall be raised.  
**Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall be changed.  
**Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death, is your sting?**

## **A Time of Prayer**

*We take a few moments to be still and reflect.*

### **The Collect**

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 forever.  
Amen.**

### **Conclusion**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**