

EASTER II - MORNING PRAYER

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



*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those
things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our
Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Domino

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth :and the strength of the hills
is his also.**

The sea is his, and he made it :and his hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship, and fall down :and kneel before the Lord our
Maker.**

For he is the Lord our God :

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

First Lesson

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:
‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and
listen to what I say.

22 ‘You that are Israelites,* listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth,* a
man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that
God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man,
handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,
you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God
raised him up, having freed him from death,* because it was impossible for
him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,
‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will
not be shaken;’²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue
rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience

corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

29 ‘Fellow Israelites,* I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David* spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,* saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalms 16 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.’
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦
upon those who are noble in heart.
Though the idols are legion
that many run after, ♦
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦
in your hands alone is my fortune.
My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
I have set the Lord always before me; ♦
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦
my flesh also shall rest secure.
For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;

in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the ‘Twin’), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe* that Jesus is the Messiah,* the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Canticle & Credal Statement : Te Deum Laudamus

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not

abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Prayers

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save our rulers.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect of Easter II Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
Grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for Grace O Lord, our heavenly Father,
almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger,
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR WISDOM AND CALM (Anglican Church Sydney)

Sovereign Lord, you are the hope and healer of your people and have promised a world where there is no more sickness or crying or death. By your death and resurrection you have set your people free from the penalty of sin and death.

We pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Please prosper the work of those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus, please strengthen those who are treating the sick, please comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease.

Please give to governing authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis, and give to your people your peace beyond understanding, generous and wise hearts and a renewed trust in your sovereign goodness and glory.

Turn the hearts of many now experiencing fear and anxiety that they they may find that peace which is the fruit of the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.

We give thanks to you, Lord, for you have done marvellous things!
When we were walking in darkness you were there,

when we were kneeling in weakness you were there,
when we drew near feeling worthless you were there,
when we were needing forgiveness you were there,
when we were searching for your grace you were there,
We give thanks to you, Lord, **for you have done marvellous things!**
The Grace

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Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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