

EASTER III - MORNING PRAYER

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



Caravaggio : Supper at Emmaus

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

Isaiah 43: 1-12

⁴³ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia* and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 116

¹ I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my
supplication; ♦
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to
him.

² The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of
hell took hold of me; ♦ by grief and sorrow was I held.

³ Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦ 'O Lord, I
beg you, deliver my soul.'

¹⁰ How shall I repay the Lord ♦ for all the benefits he has
given to me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦ and call upon the
name of the Lord.

¹² I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of
all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦ is the death of his
faithful servants.

¹⁴ O Lord, I am your servant, ♦ your servant, the child of
your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵ I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦
and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁶ I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of
all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦ in the midst
of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Second Lesson

Luke 24: 13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a
village called Emmaus, about seven miles* from
Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these
things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and
discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with
them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing
him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with
each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking
sad.* ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas,
answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem
who does not know the things that have taken place there
in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They

replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth,* who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.* Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us* while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their

companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 III Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

God of love, help us to maintain community bonds and solidarity with our sisters and brothers, especially with those who are in sickness and need, and help us to be a family for those who are without a family. God of healing, we pray for those who have been infected and for their family members, give them the courage to face this moment of illness; we pray for all healthcare workers who are spending so much to manage this epidemic competently and generously, for scientists who are working hard on a cure in a short time; give them all strength and vision to face and try to stop this epidemic.

God of mercy, allow us to live this time as a profitable opportunity to reflect on our experience of faith and on our being part of an easy society prey to fear and discouragement in the face of adversity; help us, despite the difficulties of this situation, to keep us united and open to others, help us not forgetting all the other great tragedies that undermine peace and disrupt the world. God of salvation, we pray you to support us in fighting the chains of exploitation and injustice and help us to maintain chains of solidarity throughout Europe; please don't abandon us to the fear of contagion, but even more to the contagion of fear for Christ Jesus our brother and saviour. **Amen**

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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,

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The Grace

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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