

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

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 Lord be with you,
and also with you.

The Lord bless us, ✚ and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Let us stay here in the peace of Christ,
thanks be to God.



The pomegranate is a symbol of the resurrection

LAUDS

Easter Time 2020

The First Sunday of Easter
to
The Third Sunday of Easter

THE REGINA COELI

Joy to you, O Queen of heaven, alleluia.
He whom you were meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised has arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God your prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Blessed Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ
has brought joy to the whole world;
grant that through his Mother, Mary of Nazareth,
we may obtain the joys of life everlasting.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS—EASTER 1—3

The tomb of Christ has become death's burial place. In joy we cry out:

You have risen, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice!

You taught us the ways of peace and forgiveness in your return to us, Christ Jesus;

— transform our longing into deeds of mercy.

You have risen, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice!

You appeared to many in their varied needs;

— help us to respect the differences we see in one another
and learn to appreciate them:

You have risen, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice!

You died for us and have risen to help us come to wholeness and holiness;

— may we, with renewed courage, uphold the human rights of all peoples:

You have risen, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice!

Lamb of God, in your brokenness you sought to mend;

— through your passion and death may we become healers of relationships
and true lovers of humanity.

You have risen, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice!

Most loving God,

with joy we celebrate the gift of the paschal mysteries.

Grant that we may preserve their spirit in our way of life

by the support of your abiding grace.

We ask this through Jesus, our risen saviour.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION

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 before him, all the days of our life.

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

To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Easter **The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

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

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

Blessed are you, 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.

CANTICLE—THE EASTER ANTHEMS

1 Corinthians 5:7b, 8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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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.

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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.

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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.

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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 be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.**

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

He was destined before the foundation of the world
but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.
Through him you have come to trust in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:18-21

RESPONSORY

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.
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We stand for the Benedictus

BENEDICTUS

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

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors *
not with perishable things like silver or gold
but with the precious blood of Christ *
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.

**Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, *
so that your faith and hope are set on God.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.**

Easter Time **Let the saints rejoice in glory, alleluia.**

SCRIPTURE READING

EASTER 1 and 2

God raised Jesus from death on the third day and caused him to appear.
He was not seen by all the people,
but only by us who are the witnesses that God had already chosen.
We ate and drank with him after God raised him from death.
And he commanded us to preach the gospel to the people,
and to testify that he is the one whom God has appointed
Judge of the living and the dead.
All the prophets spoke about him,
saying that everyone who believes in him
will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name.

Acts 10:40-43

EASTER 3

You know that you were ransomed
from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,
not with perishable things like silver and gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without defect of blemish.

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.

We sit for the psalmody and reading.

PSALMODY

EASTER 1 to 4—Psalm 118

Easter Time **Let anyone who is thirsty come and drink the water of life,
a free gift for those who desire it, alleluia.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, *
'His mercy endures for ever'.

**Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
'His mercy endures for ever'.
In my constraint I called to the Lord; *
the Lord answered and set me free.**

The Lord is at my side; I will not fear; *
what can flesh do to me?
With the Lord at my side as my saviour, *
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord *
than to put any confidence in the flesh.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord *
than to put any confidence in princes.**

All the nations encompassed me, *
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.
They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on every side, *
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

**They swarmed about me like bees; *
they blazed like fire among thorns,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.
Surely, I was thrust to the brink, *
but the Lord came to my help.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation *
sound from the tents of the righteous.

**'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; *
The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds'.
I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness, *
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; *
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me *
and have become my salvation.**

The stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. *
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.**

Blessed is he 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 light; *
link the pilgrims with cords, right to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God and I will thank you; *
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.**

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CANTICLE—FROM 1 PETER 1

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Blessed be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope *
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, *
kept in heaven for you.
Who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation, *
ready to be revealed in the last time.**