

EVENING PRAYER FOR EASTER

Easter Day until Ascension Day (13th. May)

Live online via Brookdean Benefice facebook page Monday to Saturday 5pm. then saved for 1 week.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

If you are praying this service alone, see last page for daily bible readings and psalms.

The Psalm for the day or any psalm you choose.

ending with,

**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.**

The Old Testament reading

One of the following canticles is said.

CANTICLE: A SONG OF FAITH

God raised Christ from the dead, the Lamb without spot or stain.

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 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. *1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21*

**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.**

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OR

A SONG OF GOD'S GRACE

The glorious grace of God is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

- 1 Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blest us in Christ Jesus with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
- 2 You chose us to be yours in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before you.
- 3 In love you destined us for adoption as your children, through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of your will,
- 4 To the praise of your glorious grace, which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 5 In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,
- 6 According to the riches of your grace, which you have lavished upon us.
- 7 You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, the mystery of your will,
- 8 According to your purpose which you set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,
- 9 To unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. *Ephesians 1.3-10*

**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.**

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OR

A SONG OF THE HEAVENLY CITY

Refrain:

**By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.**

- 1 I saw no temple in the city,
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
- 2 And the city has no need of sun or moon
to shine upon it,
for the glory of God is its light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.
- 3 By its light the nations shall walk,
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.
- 4 Its gates shall never be shut by day,
nor shall there be any night;
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.
- 5 I saw the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 6 And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month,
and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.
- 7 The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall worship him;
and they shall see his face
and his name shall be on their foreheads.

Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1, 2b, d, 3b, 4

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

New testament reading

RESPONSORY

The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

from Psalm 118

GOSPEL CANTICLE THE MAGNIFICAT the song of Mary.

Refrain:

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

**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:

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has become the chief cornerstone.**

PRAYERS

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Prayers may include the following concerns from the

¶ *The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord*

¶ *God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care*

¶ *Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ*

¶ *Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection*

¶ *Prisoners and captives*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

If using this service alone see weekly collects at back.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

HYMN**THE CONCLUSION**

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

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy spirit
be with us and all whom we love now and for evermore. Amen.**

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

COLLECTS *for use from,*
Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

The Second Sunday of Easter

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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Third Sunday of Easter

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 your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
 raise us, who trust in him,
 from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
 that we may seek those things which are above,
 where he reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put into our minds good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
 you have delivered us from the power of darkness
 and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
 grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
 so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
 to eternal joy;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

The Church of England service of evening prayer offers us an old and a new testament reading each day, as follows.

APRIL	PSALMS	OT	NT
4		EASTER	
5	135	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
6	136	Exodus 12:14-36	1 Corinthians 15:12-19
7	105	Exodus 12:37-end	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
8	106	Exodus 13:1-16	1 Corinthians 15:29-34
9	107	Exodus 13:17-14:14	1 Corinthians 15:35-50
10	145	Exodus 14:15-end	1 Corinthians 15:51-end
11		EASTER 2	
12	139	Exodus 15:1-21	Colossians 1:1-14
13	104	Exodus 15:22-16:10	Colossians 1:15-end
14	33	Exodus 16:11-end	Colossians 2:1-15
15	34	Exodus 17	Colossians 2:16-3:11
16	118	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 3:12-4:1
17	66	Exodus 18:13-end	Colossians 4:2-end
18		EASTER 3	
19	61	Exodus 19	Luke 1:1-25
20	71	Exodus 20:1-21	Luke 1:26-38
21	72	Exodus 24	Luke 1:39-56
22	73	Exodus 25:1-22	Luke 1:57-end
23 St George	3, 11	Isaiah 43:1-7	John 15:1-8
24	27	Exodus 29:1-9	Luke 2:21-40
25		EASTER 4	
26 St Mark	45	Ezekiel 1:4-14	2 Timothy 4:1-11
27	116	Exodus 32:15-34	Luke 3:1-14
28	47	Exodus 33	Luke 3:15-22
29	85	Exodus 34:1-10, 27-end	Luke 4:1-13
30	36	Exodus 35:20-36:7	Luke 4:14-30
MAY			
1 Sts Philip & James	149	Job 23:1-12	John 1:43-end
2		EASTER 5	
3	105	Numbers 9:15-end, 10:33-end	Luke 4:38-end
4	97	Numbers 11:1-33	Luke 5:1-11
5	99	Numbers 12	Luke 5:12-26
6	104	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-end	Luke 5:27-end
7	66	Numbers 14:1-25	Luke 6:1-11
8	118	Numbers 14:26-end	Luke 6:12-26
9		EASTER 6	
10	121	Numbers 16:1-35	Luke 6:27-38
11	128	Numbers 16:36-end	Luke 6:39-end
12	24	2 Samuel 23:1-5	Colossians 2:20-3:4
13		ASCENSION DAY	