

## Morning Prayer

### Friday in Easter Week

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Invitatory and Psalter

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*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

### Christ our Passover *1 Cor. 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### Psalm 136

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And brought out Israel from among them, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who led his people through the wilderness, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Who struck down great kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And slew mighty kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy 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 will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson Exod. 13:1-2,11-16**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses: Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.

“When the LORD has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your ancestors, and has given it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your livestock that are males shall be the Lord’s. But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. When in the future your child asks you, What does this mean?’ you shall answer, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ It shall serve as a sign on your hand and as an emblem on your forehead that by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **10. The Second Song of Isaiah      *Isaiah 55:6-11***

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### **The Second Lesson Luke 24:1-12**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes

stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**18. A Song to the Lamb**                      *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
    are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
    and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
    for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
    a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
    and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
    for ever and for evermore.

**The Apostles' Creed**                                      **BCP p. 96**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
    **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
    **He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
    **He descended to the dead.**  
    **On the third day he rose again.**  
    **He ascended into heaven,  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
    **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the holy catholic Church,  
    the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers**

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Suffrages A**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*