

## Morning Prayer

### The Third Sunday of Easter

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

### 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 148

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Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## Psalm 149

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Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;  
To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## **Psalm 150**

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Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.  
Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
Praise him with lyre and harp.  
Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.  
Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!  
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**

**Dan. 4:1-18**

A Reading from the Book of Daniel.

King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages that live throughout the earth:  
May you have abundant prosperity! The signs and wonders that the Most High God has  
worked for me I am pleased to recount. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders!  
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his sovereignty is from generation to generation.

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living at ease in my home and prospering in my palace. I saw a  
dream that frightened me; my fantasies in bed and the visions of my head terrified me. So I  
made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, in order that  
they might tell me the interpretation of the dream. Then the magicians, the enchanters, the  
Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not tell me its  
interpretation. At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the  
name of my god, and who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the

dream: “O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods and that no mystery is too difficult for you. Hear the dream that I saw; tell me its interpretation. Upon my bed this is what I saw; there was a tree at the center of the earth, and its height was great. The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant, and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, the birds of the air nested in its branches, and from it all living beings were fed. I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and there was a holy watcher, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said: Cut down the tree and chop off its branches, strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from beneath it and the birds from its branches. But leave its stump and roots in the ground, with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven. and let his lot be with the animals of the field in the grass of the earth. Let his mind be changed from that of a human, and let the mind of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. The sentence is rendered by decree of the watchers, the decision is given by order of the holy ones, in order that all who live may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of mortals; he gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of human beings.’ This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are unable to tell me the interpretation. You are able, however, for you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## 8. The Song of Moses

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and 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 Second Lesson**

**1 Pet. 4:7-11**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **21. You are God**

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You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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**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, 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Suffrages B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your  
Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to  
come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to  
preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people  
everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your  
Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Let us pray now 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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*