

# Thursday Morning Prayer - Eastertide 2020

## Opening sentences

Lord, open our lips

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

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to you, source of all being, eternal word and holy spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

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.**

## Invitatory (from Daniel 3)

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

**O come, let us worship.**

Let the earth bless the Lord; **let it sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever**

Bless the Lord, mountains and hills; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, you springs; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, seas and rivers; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, all birds of the air; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, all wild animals and cattle; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Bless the Lord, all people on earth; **sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.**

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

**O come, let us worship.**

## Proclamation of the Word

*Psalm, read or sung. At the conclusion:*

**Glory to you, source of all being, eternal word and holy spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*[Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, if desired. At the conclusion:*

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

*Gospel acclamation:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)**  
**Speak Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of everlasting life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Gospel reading.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (x 2)**

*Silence is kept.*

*Shared reflections.*

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers

*Spoken prayers of thanksgiving, intercession or lament.*

Collect

*Collect of the day, or as follows:*

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us [*in the translation/paraphrase of your choosing*]

The Sending

My siblings in Christ, our time here is short and we don't have long to gladden the hearts of those who journal the way with us. So make haste to love, be quick to be kind, to laugh and sing and dance, like the saints you are. And may the blessing of God be with us this day and always.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**