

St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

Home Prayers A Form of Prayer for Groups or Families



Easter 3A

A candle or candles placed on the table or in the worship area may be lit. A cross and flowers by the candle on the table is appropriate.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**
May his grace and peace be with you. **MAY HE FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY!**

The Day of Resurrection

CP 205

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents,

May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

The Collect

Risen Christ, companion on the way: **BREAK THROUGH THE DISILLUSIONMENT AND DESPAIR WHICH CLOUD OUR VISION, SO THAT WE MAY FIND OUR WAY AND JOURNEY ON AS MESSENGERS OF YOUR GOOD NEWS. AMEN.**

Song of Praise - Morning Has Broken

CP 3

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for the springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jollette Moeliker

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Christ is risen! **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Jolette Moeliker

1 I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,

2 WHO HAS LISTENED TO ME WHENEVER I CALLED.

3 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

4 THEN I CALLED UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD: "O LORD, I PRAY YOU, SAVE MY LIFE."

12 How shall I repay you, O Lord, for all the good things you have done for me?

13 I WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL UPON YOUR NAME.

14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

15 PRECIOUS IN YOUR SIGHT, O LORD IS THE DEATH OF YOUR SERVANTS.

16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

17 I WILL OFFER YOU THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people of God.

19 IN THE COURTS OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, IN THE MIDST OF YOU, O JERUSALEM. HALLELUJAH!

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.

Children's Talk

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first book of Peter,

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

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 and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Christ is risen! **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

Gradual: He Comes to Us As One Unknown CP 456

He comes to us as one unknown,
A breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone,
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
And thoughts of day depart;
Half-seen upon the inward eye,
A falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
The ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze,
A wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.

Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne**Luke 24:13-35**

The Lord be with you: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked

ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ. **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Gradual: He Comes to Us As One Unknown CP 456

He comes in love as once he came
By flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame
A life, a death, a saving Name,
For every child of earth, for every child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
Believed, obeyed, adored:
The Christ in all the Scriptures shown,
As yet unseen, but not unknown,
Our Saviour and our Lord, our Saviour and our Lord.

Devotional

(pause for reflections)

Fr. Allen Doerksen

A New Creed

WE ARE NOT ALONE, WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD:

**WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,
WHO HAS COME IN JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH,
TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,
WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS BY THE SPIRIT. WE TRUST IN GOD.**

WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:

**TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,
TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,
TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,
TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,
TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.**

**IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH, GOD IS WITH US.
WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne

Let us pray to the Father through the Son who is close to us now and always saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

As the risen Christ was made known in the breaking of bread, give grace to all Christian people through the holy communion of his Body and Blood. We pray for our Christian family, especially for our congregations of St. Matthew and St. Thomas and for our diocese of New Westminster, our Archbishop Melissa, and for all clergy. **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

Open the eyes of those who do not understand that Christ is near to them. May the truth of his sacrifice for people everywhere be known in all the world. During this time of isolation and uncertainty in our lives, let the risen Christ touch our hearts, our minds and our souls. **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

Guide us to discern Christ in all our lives, in our friends and colleagues, in those who we meet along the way. Inspire us to share the good news of the Resurrection. **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

We pray for the victims and families of the mass shooting in Nova Scotia. Guide the RCMP in their investigations so that the uncertainty of what happened can be understood. Lighten the darkness with the light of the new life in Christ. **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

We pray for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, especially for Stella, Lily, Allyson, Fran, Henry, Ken, Anne, JD, and Denise. I invite you to name others who are on your mind either silently or out loud. - **a period of silence** - Restore them to the full joy of your salvation. **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

Abide with those whose days on earth are over and who now rest in Christ. Grant to all who have walked with him the fullness of his presence. **"HEAR US, LORD OF GLORY!"**

That our eyes may be opened and our hearts warmed with faith, we offer our prayers. **AMEN.**

Growing in Grace

GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE OF GIVING WITH A SPIRIT LARGE AND FREE. THAT OUR SELVES AND ALL OUR LIVING, WE MAY OFFER FAITHFULLY.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
**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 FOREVER. AMEN.**

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ : and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

The King of Glory Comes CP 632

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages. **Refrain**

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness. **Refrain**

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations. **Refrain**

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision. **Refrain**

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! HALLELUJAH!!

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