

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20TH -- SECOND WEEK OF EASTER SEASON

Opening Invitation: Dear friends in Christ, during these 40 days from Easter to Ascension Day we give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that he has given to us. As we have been raised with Christ, so too, we seek to live risen lives. May this be a season of new joy and renewal.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Leader: May his grace & peace be with you,

People: MAY HE FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY.



Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace. [silence]

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness: Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

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

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

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

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

CANTATE DOMINO PSALM 98

Sing unto the Lord

Especially suitable for use in Easter and at any time outside penitential seasons

O sing unto the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *
he has won for himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation; *
his righteousness he has openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all you lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord with the harp; *
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and horns, *
O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, *
the round world, and those that dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, *
for he has come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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.

A PSALM

Psalms for the week of April 13th (Easter Week):

Monday - Psalm 2
Tuesday - Psalm 93
Wednesday - Psalm 34:1-10
Thursday - Psalm 34: 17-22
Friday - Psalm 27

At the end of the Psalms sung or said

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.

THE BIBLE READING

Use your own Bible reading guide, or the following:

Suggested readings for the Week of April 13th (Easter Week)

Monday - Acts 4: 23-31
Tuesday - Acts 4: 32-37
Wednesday - Acts 5: 17-26
Thursday - Acts 5: 27-33
Friday - Acts 5: 34-42

DIGNUS ES REVELATION 4:11; 5:9-10, 13, 14

A Song to the Lamb

Especially suitable for the Easter Season

Splendour and honour 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 splendour, *
for ever and for evermore. Amen.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And defend us by your mighty power.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of a godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, you know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection, to support us in all danger, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Martin Luther)

INTERCESSIONS

(your own prayers or use the accompanying Intercessions)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Closing Declaration: 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^T



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Prayer Service Intercessions -- April 15, 2020
(Pastor Peter and Barb Williams)

Let us pray. As we pray, we will say "**Thank you Lord.**"

O Lord, as we gather in prayer this evening, we give you thanks for the mighty resurrection of Jesus from the dead and that we have been born anew to a living hope. Even in the midst of this lock down, even in the midst of this pandemic, even in the midst of economic uncertainty, we ask that this hope will flood our souls and bodies.

As we pray, we will say "**Thank you Lord.**"

Father Almighty, we come into Your presence praising You for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of Godly men and women who sacrifice for others.

As we pray we say -- "Thank you Lord."

You know our transgressions and weaknesses Father and we thank You that the blood of Your son Jesus washes away our sins.

As we pray we say -- "Thank you Lord."

We pray Father for our Queen, Archbishop Foley Beach, our Bishop Charlie Masters and all world leaders. May they not lean on their own understanding but ask for Your wisdom.

As we pray we say -- "Thank you Lord."

We pray We pray for all missionaries, Pastors, leaders and members of Bible believing Churches everywhere. We pray for unity among Christians looking for opportunities to witness for Christ. We pray for all martyrs and all who are suffering persecution simply by following Jesus. May they feel Your presence surrounding them.

As we pray we say -- "Thank you Lord."

We pray for all in our congregation who are suffering in mind, spirit, body or financially at this time, mentioning them by name.For all sorts and conditions of man, especially those who are ill with the Corona Virus.
We pray for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Give them comfort Lord as we mention them by name.....
We pray for t all those who are on the front lines of service these days that you will protect them and bless their efforts.

As we pray we say -- "Thank you Lord."

O Lord, as we pray for this world, so too we pray with Habakkuk, that the earth WILL be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the seas. Reveal yourself to all men and women that they will know that you are mighty to save. All this we ask in the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Intercessory Prayer for Second Sunday of Easter 2020 (Pastor Buzz Onayemi)

The LORD calls us to draw close and examine the wounded hands and feet of the Risen Christ and to know the depth of His love for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Christ our Lord, who in his love for us died for our sins, and defeated death that we might live, we pray for all people in all places and in all kinds of need.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer*

God our Father, we pray for all people who make up the church, both leaders and congregations. We pray particularly for our congregation at Celebration Church, Barrie. Be with your church throughout the world so that its preaching and works of love may continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection. Wherever your church is faithless and lacking in courage to do the work that Jesus has given, visit it and build it up with your Spirit. Be with all our pastors so that they may listen well and then speak with Christ's authority. We pray for unity among Christians, that they may work together to spread the word of hope in a world of despair. We pray for unity among all people of faith throughout the world.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer*

We pray for all governments and world leaders that they may rule wisely and justly. By Your grace please enable them to make decisions that will benefit all people at this time that the pandemic of Covid-19 is ravaging the population. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer*

We pray for ourselves, our neighbours, our colleagues, families and friends that we may see the risen Christ in them and that they might see him in us. We pray for those who volunteer their time and money to help others. Christ gave us His example in suffering and dying for us. May we follow his example in encouraging others to help their fellow men and women.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer*

Risen Lord, we pray for a time when peace may come upon the earth. We pray for people who are suffering as a result of war, both innocent victims and protagonists, for soldiers and their families at home. We pray for victims of natural disaster, famine and oppression. May the risen Christ lead them from despair into hope. We pray for the earth, which has been lent to us for a short while to enjoy its gifts and to hand on in good order for generations to come, that all people may face the future with confidence.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer*

Lord of love, we pray for all who suffer in mind or body and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those without faith, hope or love. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and correct confused minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs at this time. Support them all with your great love and mercy. We remember them now in a moment of silence

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer*

The risen Christ is the light of the world, a light which cannot be extinguished. This pandemic has taken many lives prematurely and continues to do so daily. We remember before God those who have died from all causes and for those who mourn. We remember them now in a moment of silence

***Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others. Transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your kingdom will come to fruition in glory .
Amen.***