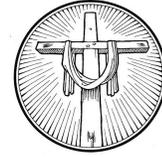


DAILY MORNING PRAYER

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13TH -- EASTER WEEK



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 16: 8-11
Tuesday - Psalm 33: 18-22
Wednesday - Psalm 105: 1-8
Thursday - Psalm 114
Friday - Psalm 116: 1-8
Saturday - Psalm 118: 14-18 (19-24)

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 - Matthew 28: 9-15
Tuesday - John 20: 11-18
Wednesday - Luke 24: 13-35
Thursday - Luke 24: 36b - 48
Friday - John 21: 1-14
Saturday - Mark 16:9 - end

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.**

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be made worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

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 the fullness of his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth so that they may turn to the path of righteousness: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

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 purity of life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son: Grant that, as by his death he has called us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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Wednesday of Holy Week Intercessions – April 8/20

(Gay Welsman)

Let us reflect for a moment on the words of Psalm 19 – *“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world.”*

Refrain: LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, we remember that you are God. You reign. You are the same, yesterday, today and forever. You love us and care for us and you want us to recognize who you are. You are the Holy, Creator God.

Here we are, O God, in the midst of a pandemic isolated from our family and friends. People are dying, people are sick and people are over-stretched. BUT, you Lord, are here as always. You are with the dying, the sick and the over-stretched. Lord, we pray for strength and hope for families and all those who are helping to keep our lives as normal as possible in these unprecedented times.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

We are in Holy Week, remembering the last week of Jesus’ life on earth. Thank you for Christ’s sacrifice for us as He went to the cross so we could be freed from the penalty of sin. Thank you for the joy of His resurrection on Easter.

May this joy be felt by us and by people around the world this weekend as we remember Your unmatched love toward Your world. Father we ask that people everywhere will consider You, as God, as they celebrate your Son’s victory.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Father, as we look at what is happening in the world – economic disaster, loss of jobs and so much more, we also see the wonderful aspects of human nature. We see people looking after each other and we see creative solutions to so many difficulties. You have given man the desire to live and to make better their situations which benefit everyone. Thank you, Lord. We pray that this desire for life will grow deep roots in people who are experiencing despair at this time.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Thank you for the many companies in Canada who have come forth to retool their businesses to help make protective personal equipment that is so needed at this time. We ask blessings on them. May they have a renewed sense that they have been called for ‘such a time as this’ to make their contributions to serve their country to help save lives.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

We pray for the 'frontline workers' – those in the medical field, those who give security to our lives, those who keep working to help provide for our basic needs and those who do jobs that, before the pandemic, may have appeared very inconsequential but who we rely on at this time. Father, give us respect and humility for all these workers. Give them a real sense that they and their sacrifices are appreciated. May hope and strength to carry on be ignited in them as they weary under the burden of their responsibilities.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Father we bring before you the people who work tirelessly to develop a vaccine against the Covid -19 virus. Give them wisdom and favour so that this virus can be stopped.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Heavenly Father, be with all those who are experiencing fear and hopelessness at this time. We especially remember families who believe that there is no future for them. Today, we ask that you will send a ray of hope to them. That their children will believe with them that there will be life after Covid-19. That these families will look to you for hope and 'a way when there seems to be no way'.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

We think of the teachers and their students. So many students have been in a state of boredom, lacking direction. How we pray that the connection they will now have with their teachers and assignments will bring them back to a place of direction and meaning to carry on.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Father, political leaders have been tireless in their work to find the best way to deal with the pandemic in their various countries, towns and jurisdictions. We ask blessings and wisdom for them as they listen to the science and their hearts before they make decisions that will affect so many.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

We praise you, O God, as we continue to look to you for comfort and strength, because we know you ARE our comfort and strength. Help us, Lord, to look beyond ourselves and ask you how we can be Jesus' hands and feet at this time in the lives of others. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who counsels, guides and directs us into your way.

We say Hallelujah, Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed!

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

AMEN



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INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR EASTER - Sunday April 12, 2020

(The Rev. Dr. Buzz Onayemi)

Let us take a moment of silent reflection to allow the Lord to speak to us and to remember those things that need to be brought forward in prayer. There will be an opportunity to mention aloud the names of those in need of healing and the names of those who grieve.

To the petition "**God of Love**", please respond with,
Hear our prayer. [silence]

Heavenly Father, on this Easter day we come together to offer praise, adoration and thanksgiving for Jesus - Jesus risen, alive, powerful and victorious. We rejoice in the salvation of the world brought about through his blood. Lord, without the resurrection our faith would be empty and we would be without hope, but Jesus is alive and we rejoice in the knowledge that in him all that separates, injures and destroys has been overcome by that which unites and heals and creates.

We pray for the universal Church, that all Christians may be aware of your rich presence in our lives. Bless our ACNA and ANiC churches; its ministers and office bearers that they may offer wise and sensitive leadership. Encourage our membership that they may be true to their calling to follow the Risen Christ.

God of love Hear our prayer

We pray for our congregation here at Celebration Church, Barrie. We give You thanks for the compassion and web of calls that keep us connected to each other and to you and shed light

and hope in our hearts especially during this time that we are not able to meet physically. We give You thanks for calling us into the company of those all over the world who put our trust in Christ and seek to obey his will. In hope we pray that our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection. Send forth the fire of the Holy Spirit upon us, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection in this community and the world at large.

God of love Hear our prayer

Lord, on this special day grant us peace in your world. We pray for countries where there is war and communities that are broken.

As we worship and witness in relative security, let us remember in persistent prayer our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ who continue to suffer persecution for their Christian faith. May the Risen LORD be their strength and comfort. We pray that isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

God of love Hear our prayer

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, social and spiritual ailments. Reveal the light of Your presence to the sick, the weak, and all people who need Your loving touch because of this COVID-19 pandemic. Comfort and strengthen them. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of all

who serve us – all the key workers from the delivery drivers and shelf stackers to those who work in medical field and other care systems.

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.

We pray for provision for those who lack food, work, or shelter . . . I invite you to offer aloud the names of those you carry in your hearts.....

God of love Hear our prayer

We pray Lord that, according to Your promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection! may be raised on the last day. We remember those who mourn.... that in the midst of their unmeasurable loss they would know the depths of your love. I invite you to offer aloud the names of those you carry in your hearts.....

God of love Hear our prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered

from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We thank God for answered prayers.



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