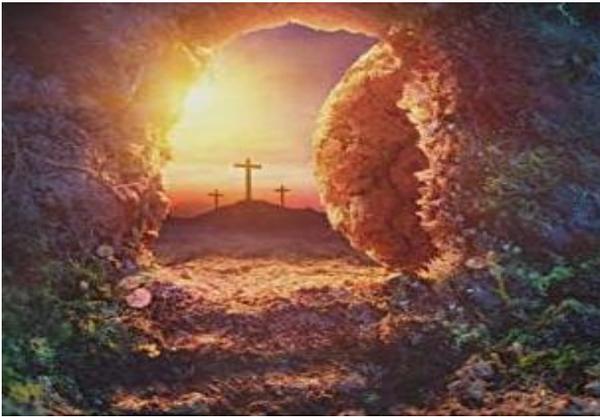


Morning Prayer Eastertide



Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Gathering

An informal welcome is given.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. **Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from
Egypt and led them to freedom in the
promised land, so now you have delivered us
from the dominion of darkness and brought
us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Psalm 31

*A psalm of faith, hope and courage for the
people of Ukraine.*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me be
put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of protection for me, a fortress
where I will be safe.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in
distress; tears blur my eyes and my body and
soul are withering away.

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my
years are shortened with sadness; my
strength fails because of my misery, and my
bones waste away.**

For I hear the whispering of many and there is
terror all around; they scheme and plot
against me, to take my life.

**In you, O Lord, I trust and say, 'You are my
God.' My future is in your hand; deliver me
from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.**

Let the lying lips be stilled, that speak against
the righteous with pride and contempt.

**In panic, I cried out, 'I am cut off from the
Lord'; but you heard my cry for mercy and
answered my call for help.**

Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously
shown his steadfast love to me when I was
beset as a city under siege.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**



The Road to Emmaus

Reading from Scripture

This may be followed by a brief reflection.

A Response

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?



Jesus appears to the disciples on the beach

A Time of Prayer

We take a few moments to be still and reflect.

The Collect

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Ascension

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!