

Easter season (I)

WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed! Come, let us worship him. Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel our darkness.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel our darkness.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel our darkness.

GOD SPEAKS TO US (see seasonal Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading)

Since Christ was raised from death he cannot die again.

Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Apostles' Creed, scriptural song, or hymn/song)

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Let us pray to the Lord our God that the results of Christ's resurrection are seen throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your Son asked the women to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide all Christians to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your Son told Thomas to touch his hands and side. Reassure all who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

(Other prayers may follow)

O God, you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us by dying on the cross, and to rescue us from the power of the enemy by rising from death. Put to death everything that is sinful in us, and take us to live with you forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOD BLESSES US

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip us with everything good for doing his will.

And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us always.

Amen.