

Evening Prayer, Easter Season, Sunday, 20 April 2025, Easter Day

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

HYMN

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 105

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; ♦
his judgements are in all the earth.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, ♦
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, ♦
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, ♦
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan ♦
to be the portion of your inheritance.'

12 When they were but few in number, ♦
of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation, ♦
from one kingdom to another people,

14 He suffered no one to do them wrong ♦
and rebuked even kings for their sake,

15 Saying, 'Touch not my anointed ♦
and do my prophets no harm.'

16 Then he called down famine over the land ♦
and broke every staff of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them, ♦
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They shackled his feet with fetters; ♦
his neck was ringed with iron.
19 Until all he foretold came to pass, ♦
the word of the Lord tested him.
20 The king sent and released him; ♦
the ruler of peoples set him free.
21 He appointed him lord of his household ♦
and ruler of all he possessed,
22 To instruct his princes as he willed ♦
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.
23 Then Israel came into Egypt; ♦
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; ♦
he made them too many for their adversaries,
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people ♦
and dealt craftily with his servants.
26 Then sent he Moses his servant ♦
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 He showed his signs through their word ♦
and his wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and it grew dark; ♦
yet they did not heed his words.
29 He turned their waters into blood ♦
and slew all their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs, ♦
even in their kings' chambers.
31 He spoke the word, and there came clouds of flies, ♦
swarms of gnats within all their borders.
32 He gave them hailstones for rain ♦
and flames of lightning in their land.
33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees ♦
and shattered trees across their country.
34 He spoke the word, and the grasshoppers came ♦
and young locusts without number;
35 They ate every plant in their land ♦
and devoured the fruit of their soil.
36 He smote all the firstborn in their land, ♦
the first fruits of all their strength.
37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; ♦
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad at their departing, ♦
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering ♦
and a fire to light up the night.
40 They asked and he brought them quails; ♦
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out ♦
and ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy word ♦
and Abraham, his servant.
43 So he brought forth his people with joy, ♦
his chosen ones with singing.
44 He gave them the lands of the nations ♦
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,
45 That they might keep his statutes ♦
and faithfully observe his laws.
Alleluia.

**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.**

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Canticle

**God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

1 Blessed be the God and Father ♦
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope ♦
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, ♦
kept in heaven for you,
4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, ♦
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors ♦
not with perishable things like silver or gold
6 But with the precious blood of Christ ♦
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, ♦
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

**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.**

**God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43.1-21

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'
Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,

who are deaf, yet have ears!
Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this,
and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'
You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no saviour.
I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.
I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?
Thus says the LORD,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.
I am the LORD, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**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 stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The 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.