

Sunday Morning and Easter - Risen Lord
An Alternative Daily Office

Becoming present to God

Through a sign of attentiveness like lighting a candle or

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

or

For as in Adam all die

***Even so, in Christ,
all shall be made alive!***

or

Christ has been raised from the dead,

***The first fruits
of those
who have died.***

or

'God raised him up, having freed him from death, for it was impossible for him to be held in its power.' Acts 2:24

Celebrating the presence of God

Risen from the grave,
you fill the world
with the wonder of new life.
Glory be to you, Risen Lord:
you make all things new.

Ascended to the Father's
right hand,
you carry our humanity
to the heart of Godhead.
Glory be to you, Ascended Lord:
you make all things new.

At the Father's right hand
you ever intercede for us.
Glory be to you, Reigning Lord:
you make all things new.

Present in our world by your Spirit,

you bring resurrection life to us
in the midst of time,
so that eternity might be planted
in our hearts.

Glory be to you, Immanent Lord:
you make all things new.

A pause to name any specific thanks or praise

Acknowledging our humanity

Living Lord,
whose word brings life
and love conquers all;
when we are flooded with fear
and deadened by despair;
speak the word that brings new life.

Loving Lord,
who has gone ahead
on the road to eternity
and opened up the way for us;
when we lose our way
and stumble into the ditch;
reach out and raise us up.

Levelling Lord,
before whose empty tomb
all stand amazed;
when we compare ourselves
to others and find them wanting;
humble us and break our pride.

Listening Lord,
whose word brings new life;
when we do not heed your voice
and live as though you are still dead;
***Shake us awake
and whisper your ways and will within our soul
until we are deafened
to our own wants
and desire only you
in all your risen beauty.***

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Listening for the Word of God -

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle – Optional

Resurrection Song

What I am saying,
brothers and sisters, is this:
flesh and blood
cannot inherit the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable
inherit the imperishable.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

***We will not all die,
but we will all be changed,
in a moment,
in the twinkling of an eye,
at the last trumpet.***

For the trumpet will sound,
***and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.***

For this perishable body
must put on imperishability,
***and this mortal body
must put on immortality.***

When this perishable body
puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body
puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written
will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.

***But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Therefore, my beloved
be steadfast, immovable,
always excelling in
the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord

your labour is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 (NRSV)

Or a choice of Easter Anthems

Christ our passover

has been sacrificed for us:

so let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old leaven

of corruption and wickedness:

***but with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth.***

1 Corinthians 5:7b, 8 (NRSV)

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

death has

no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:

in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore

as dead to sin:

and alive to God

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:9-11 (NRSV)

I am the first and the last

and the living one.

I was dead, and see,

I am alive for ever and ever;

And I have the keys

of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:17b-18 (NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

***Living God, enable us this day
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,***

***growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.***

Bringing our concerns

Jesus of Nazareth,
You shouldered the weight
of the cross,
so that the yoke we carry
might be light,

***We pray for all who today
carry heavy burdens.....***

Jesus, King of the Jews,
You wore a Crown of Thorns that we might wear a crown of righteousness

***We pray for all who today
are overwhelmed by guilt....***

Jesus, risen Saviour,
Who left behind the grave sheet
that we might be clothed
with newness of life....

***We pray for all who struggle
to leave behind
the wrappings of pain and grief....***

The Lord's Prayer

***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 for ever. Amen.***

Going to love and serve

Joining with all creation
in celebrating your life,
and anticipating the
resurrection song
that all shall sing;

***may our lives give voice
to the song of the angels
and our footsteps find***

their way to the empty tomb:

rejoicing that all shall be made new, and ever anew. Amen.

Optional:

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