

## Evening Prayer in Easter Season

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

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.**

Count yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:

**the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:

**by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;**

for as in Adam all die:

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**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.**

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### Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Stillness and Reflection

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

*Time of stillness to reflect on God's mercies in Christ and in this day.*

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.**

## Psalm 116:1-9

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

**Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.**

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;  
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“Lord, save me!”**

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**The Lord protects the unwary;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**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.**

## Bible Reading

The Magnificat from Luke's gospel 1:46-55

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my  
Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,

**The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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.**

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### **Prayers during the season of Easter**

Lord of life, as we follow the risen Christ teach us what it means to count ourselves dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ. By your grace help us to offer our bodies and souls to you as instruments of righteousness.

*Prayers for Christian discipleship at St George's church*

Living Lord: **work your power in us.**

Lord of life, as we serve the risen Christ help us to live lives that shine his light across our community. Send us to those who are broken and hurting, and give us the privilege of sharing the hope we have in Jesus.

*Prayers for our parish and town.*

Living Lord: **work your power in us.**

Lord of life, as we honour the risen Christ, we pray for the nations of the world enslaved by the darkness of injustice, violence and war. May those in power acknowledge Jesus as Lord, and those who are suffering know his love.

*Prayers for our world and the world-wide church.*

Living Lord: **work your power in us.**

Lord of life, as we trust in the risen Christ, we remember those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. May the peace of Jesus be strength to the weak, hope for the anxious, healing for the sick and comfort for the grieving.

*Prayers for the weak, hurting, bereaved and distressed.*

Living Lord: **work your power in us.**

Lord of life, as we enjoy the risen Christ, strengthen us with the joy of our salvation. By the power of the resurrection may we grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, to the glory of your holy name.

*Prayers for our mission as God's people.*

Living Lord: **work your power in us.**

*Time for open prayers. Use the prayer cards if you wish.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
**raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.**