

**A Service of Morning Prayer
Wednesday in Easter Week, April 23, 2025**



*“The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection”
1898 oil painting on canvas by Eugène Burnand (1850-1921), Musée d'Orsay, Paris*

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

CP 181 All Glory, Laud, and Honour

Refrain:

***All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and blessed one. **[Refrain]**

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. **[Refrain]**

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. **[Refrain]**

4 To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **[Refrain]**

5 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. **[Refrain]**

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
To you all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
And worthily magnify your holy name.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion: Holy God,
 Holy and mighty,
 Holy and immortal one,
 Have mercy on us. (3x)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Refrain: You are my God and I will exalt you.*

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

118:14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

118:15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

118:16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

118:17 I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

118:18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:1-12

24:1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

24:2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

24:3 but when they went in they did not find the body.

24:4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

24:5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.

24:6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

24:7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again."

24:8 Then they remembered his words,

24:9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

24:10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

24:11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

24:12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

CP 237 Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Lain in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Meditation: – Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7032344 Praise the King

1 There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken
 There's a reason why the darkness runs from light
 There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven
 Jesus is alive

2 There's a reason why we are not overtaken
 There's a reason why we sing on through the night
 There's a reason why our hope remains eternal
 Jesus is alive

Chorus

***Praise the King He is risen
 Praise the King He's alive (yeah)
 Praise the King death's defeated
 Hallelujah He's alive (oh)
 (Hallelujah He's alive)***

3 There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous
 There's a reason why the dead are made alive
 There's a reason why we share His resurrection
 Jesus is alive (oh He's alive)

Interlude

Oh He's alive

Bridge

The grave could not ignore it
 When all of heaven's roaring
 Hell where is your victory
 Death where is your sting
 The world could not ignore it
 When all the saints are roaring
 Hell where is your victory
 Death where is your sting

Ending

Hallelujah He's alive (oh)
 Hallelujah He's alive (oh)
 Hallelujah He's alive

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven.
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Healing Litany: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

Sandra, Merle, Irene, Tony and Mary-Jean, Bill, Florence, Lisa and Joe, Marijke, Diane, Janelle, Sandy, Evelyn, Sarah, terry, Ken, Monica, Julie, Lucas, Helen, Cody, Judy, Skariah, Ruth, Jody and Michael, David L., Kathy, Joy, Melody and family, Pauline and Richard, Jorge and Janine, Michael S., Larry, Christina, Elsie,

Let us offer our prayers for God's healing, saying, Hear and have mercy.

Hear and have mercy

Blessed Jesus, your Holy name is medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life

Hear and have mercy

Grant us your grace to heal those who are sick. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage and faith to all who are disabled through injury or illness. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Comfort, relieve, and heal all sick children. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Give courage to all who await surgery. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Support and encourage those who live with chronic illness. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Strengthen those who endure continual pain and give them hope. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Grant the refreshment of peaceful sleep to all who suffer. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy

Uphold those who keep watch over the sick. We pray to you, O God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Hear and have mercy.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Hear and have mercy

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Hear and have mercy

Compassionate God, you so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fulness of your eternal life. Amen.

Collect for Day Lord of life and power,
 through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
 you have overcome the old order of sin and death
 and have made all things new in him.
 May we, being dead to sin
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
 reign with him in glory,
 who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,
 one God, now and for ever.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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.**

CP 229 Who Is There On This Easter Morning

1 Who is there on this Easter morning
 runs not with John to find the grave?
 Nor sees how, death's dominion scorning,
 Jesus is risen, strong to save?
 Who is there on this Easter morning
 runs not with John to find the grave?

2 Who has not stood where Mary grieving
 to that first Easter garden came;
 for very joy but half-believing,
 whose is the voice that calls her name?

Who has not stood where Mary grieving
 to that first Easter garden came?

3 Who is there doubts that night is ended?
 Hear from on high the trumpets call!
 Christ is in triumph now ascended,
 risen and reigning, Lord of all!
 Who is there doubts that night is ended?
 Hear from on high the trumpets call!

The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord, giving thanks for his living word.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.