

# Easter Day

12 April 2020 Morning Prayer, Second Order  
A Prayer Book for Australia

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## Gathering in God's name

*The Minister*

Christ is risen. Alleluia. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1: 3*

## Hymn: Christ the Lord is risen today

*AHB 290, Text: Charles Wesley 1707-88 Tune: Easter Hymn. (AHB 291ii)*

Christ, the Lord, is risen today. *Hallelujah*

Sons of men and angels say. *Hallelujah*

Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Hallelujah*

Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply! *Hallelujah*

Love's redeeming work is done, *Hallelujah*

Fought the fight, the battle won, *Hallelujah*

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, *Hallelujah*

Christ hath burst the gates of hell. *Hallelujah*

Lives again our glorious King, *Hallelujah*

Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Hallelujah*

Once He died our souls to save, *Hallelujah*

Where thy victory, O grave? *Hallelujah*

Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Hallelujah*

Following our exalted Head, *Hallelujah*

Made like Him, like Him we rise, *Hallelujah*

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Hallelujah*

## Confession and Absolution

The risen Jesus said that the Scriptures had been fulfilled in his suffering and resurrection and now repentance and forgiveness was to be announced in his name to all nations in the power of the Spirit. Let us then in penitence and faith turn back to God.

**God of all mercy,  
we humbly admit that we need your help.  
We have wandered from your way.  
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us,  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit  
that we may live the new life to your glory.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

*The Minister stands and declares God's forgiveness*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2.1–2*

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins.

*1 John 4.10*

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8.38–39*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His steadfast love endures for ever!**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**shout to the rock of our salvation.**

Serve the Lord with gladness,  
**come before his face with songs of joy.**

# The Ministry of the Word

*The Minister says*

Heavenly Father,  
    give us wisdom and understanding.  
As we listen to your Word,  
    may we know you better,  
    love you more,  
    and learn to please you in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

(Available separately)

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*At 10am the people stand while the Procession moves to the font.*

*Those who wish to renew their baptismal vows face the font and the Dean leads*

As we celebrate again the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we remember that through these saving acts we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we might rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

**I reject them all.**

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Ministry of Prayer

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Minister continues*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,

**let your glory cover the earth.**

Keep our nation under your care,

**and guide us in justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**

Send out your light and your truth,

**that we may tell of your saving works.**

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

**Hear the cry of those in need.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord,

**for we put our trust in you.**

*The Collect for the Easter Day*

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **Amen.**

*A 'Covid Collect'. Rev Lee Gatiss, Director of Church Society, England.*

Heavenly Father, our ever-present help in trouble, our fortress and our God: calm the anxious fears of all who turn to you; give strength and healing to those who are sick, and courage and skill to those who care for them; grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority; and humble us all to call upon you that we may be saved not only in this life, but also for that which is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Prayers

*A Minister*

Let your requests be made known unto God.

**In everything give thanks.**

For the joy of the resurrection let us be glad and rejoice.

**We give thanks to the risen Lord.**

For the forgiveness and peace we now have with God.

For the triumph of life over death, grace over judgement.

For the hope of a renewed world.

**We give thanks to the risen Lord.**

For leaders to have integrity and wisdom.

For the world living through the pandemic.

For lands afflicted by war and violence.

**We pray to the risen Lord.**

For the Church to proclaim Christ crucified.

For Christians to be disciples of the risen Christ.

For many to see in Jesus the power and wisdom of God.

**We pray to the risen Lord.**

For the concerns and cares of our own hearts.

*Silence*

For those suffering pain and anguish.

For the isolated and anxious

For those bereaved and fearful.

For all those in need.

**Be present risen Lord.**

For the living hope that, with all the faithful,

by the power of Jesus' resurrection

we will be brought into the fullness of joy in the new creation.

**We give thanks risen Lord.**

*A Minister continues*

Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers  
of all who ask in Jesus' name.

In your mercy, accept our prayers.

Give us what we have asked in faith,  
according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have  
promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant  
their requests. Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for  
us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth and in the age to come, life  
eternal. **Amen.**

## Hymn: Thine be the Glory

*AHB 303, Text: EL Budry (1854-1932), trans RB Hoyle (1875-1939)    Tune: Maccabaeus*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

# The Sending Out of God's People

*The minister says one of the following*

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Lord Jesus Christ,

**send us out with confidence in your word  
to tell the world of your saving acts,  
and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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