

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA  
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
Tuesday in Easter Week

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When 2 people are reading: READER 1: Plain Text    *Reader 2: Italics*    **Both: Bold**  
**If there are 2 lessons, a reading and subsequent canticle may be omitted.**

**You are invited to begin the service by lighting a candle.**

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Christ is Risen: *The world below lies desolate*

Christ is Risen: *The spirits of evil are fallen*

Christ is Risen: *The angels of God are rejoicing*

Christ is Risen: *The tombs of the dead are empty*

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,

**Glory and power are his forever and ever.**

*Hippolytus of Rome*<sup>1</sup>

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O Lord, open our lips  
*and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

*1 John 4:16*

**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.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. *Amen.*

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 *Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.*

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 *He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

5 He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 *He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.*

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

8 *They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.*

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his Name.

10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.*

**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.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/lent,-easter,-and-spring-prayers>

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.*

*22 ‘You that are Israelites,\* listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth,\* a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death,\* because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,*

*“I saw the Lord always before me,*

*for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;*

*<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.*

*<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.*

*<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”*

*29 ‘Fellow Israelites,\* I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.*

*<sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David\* spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,\* saying,*

*“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”*

*<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God

**I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.**

**This is my God whom I will praise, the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.**

**The Lord is a warrior, the Lord is his name.**

**Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

**At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.**

**In your unfailing love, O Lord, you lead the people whom you have redeemed.**

**And by your invincible strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.**

**You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, in the sanctuary which your hands have established.**

*Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17<sup>2</sup>*

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<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer/morning-and-evening#mm008e7>

*A reading from the Gospel of John*

*14'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe\* in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going. <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know\* my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me\* for anything, I will do it.*

*The Word of the Lord*

Thanks be to God.

**Christ our passover is sacrificed for us :**

**therefore let us keep the feast;**

**Not with the old leaven,**

**nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness :**

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

*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more :**

**death hath no more dominion over him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto sin once :**

**but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin :**

**but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Romans 6.9-11*

**Christ is risen from the dead :**

**and become the first fruits of them that slept.**

**For since by man came death :**

**by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die :**

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

*1 Corinthians 15.20-22*

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.

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection.

Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side.

Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever. Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*<sup>3</sup>

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator,

As we greet the signs in nature around us: Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,  
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,

We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.

For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us, As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet, We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/03/prayers-of-people-easter.html>

Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love. We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. **Amen**<sup>4</sup>

Go now as those who have met with Christ in the morning of this day.  
Go now as those who hearts have burned within them, as the Scriptures were explained.  
Go now as those who have been touched by resurrection.  
And may the blessing of God be upon us, body, mind and spirit, as we leave this place,  
**Amen.**

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/easter-prayers>