

Morning Prayer Easter Season

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Easter Anthems**

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ♦  
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ♦  
but with the unleavened bread of sin-ce-rity and truth.

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Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦  
death has no more do-min-ion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦  
in liv-ing he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦  
and alive to God in Je-sus Christ our Lord.

Romans

6.9–11

6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ♦  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death: ♦  
by man has come also the resur-rec-tion of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die: ♦  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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Corinthians 15.20–22

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

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**

**Canticle** A Song of Solomon

**Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can the floods drown it.**

**1** Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;

**2** For love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave;  
its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

**3** Many waters cannot quench love;  
neither can the floods drown it,

**4** If all the wealth of our house were offered for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

**Glory to You, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
And ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

**Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can the floods drown it.**

**Alleluia.**

Gospel

**Alleluia**

*Silence for reflection*

*Sharing of thoughts, invitations*

Death is swallowed up in victory

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead,

The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound

and the dead shall be raised.

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep,

But we shall be changed.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Our prayers

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray..

Our Father in heaven...

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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