

Morning Prayer
during the Season of Easter [2020]

An Easter Prayer, inspired by St Cuthbert

As spring's golden trumpet
heralds the arrival of Easter,
and the dark night of Lent passes,
so, like Cuthbert,
bright star of the North,
may we become your Easter people,
O Christ,
shepherds of your sheep,
peacemakers and hospitality givers,
open to change and partnership,
led by the Spirit, in solitude
and in service.
Amen.



Symbol of St. Cuthbert



Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. **Alleluia.**

THANKSGIVING

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.

CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

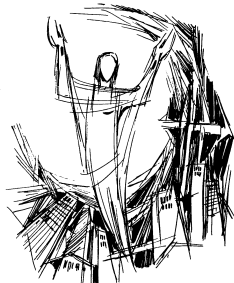
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

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.**



Some Additional Prayers for Easter

Christ of the Easter morning,
hope is one of your best gifts to us,
so teach us to give it to others.

Christ who appeared
to your disciples when
the doors were shut;
appear unto all of those
in the world today
who live their lives
behind closed doors.

Lead us from death to life,
from the death of disease to the life of wholeness,
from the death of despair to the life of hope,
from the death of the body to the life of resurrection.

Raise us from greed to generosity,
raise us from falsehood to friendship,
raise us from death to life.

I arise today
through the strength of Christ's birth and baptism.
I arise today
through the strength of Christ's crucifixion and burial.
I arise today
through the strength of his resurrection and ascension.



The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

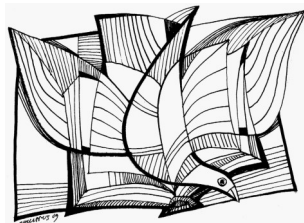
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

CLOSING

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

We are raised to new life with Christ
and live in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



PRAISE: The Easter Anthems

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.**

See 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.**

COLLECT [*This, for Easter Day, or the collect for the week*]

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell;
fill your church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

READINGS

12 April: EASTER DAY Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 28: 1-10

19 April: Easter 2 Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 John 20: 19-31

26 April: Easter 3 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35

3 May: Easter 4 Acts 2: 42-47 John 10: 1-10

10 May: Easter 5 Acts 7: 55-60 John 14: 1-14

17 May: Easter 6 Acts 17: 22-31 John 14: 15-21

Thursday 21 May: ASCENSION DAY

Ephesians 1: 15-end Acts 1: 1-11

24 May: Easter 7 Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11

31 May: PENTECOST Acts 2: 1-21 John 7: 37-39

SERMON *[It is hoped to provide a sermon or reflection on the readings each week]*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Christ died for our sins**

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;

he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,

and to all the apostles: this we have received,

and this we believe. Amen.

cf I Corinthians 15.3-7

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,

bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,

give food to the hungry ...

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,

be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth

and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,

we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us,

accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.