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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Opening prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

Psalm 112

1. Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord ♦
and have great delight in his commandments.

2. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, ♦
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

3. Wealth and riches will be in their house, ♦
and their righteousness endures for ever.

4. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ♦
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

5. It goes well with those who are generous in lending ♦
and order their affairs with justice,
6. For they will never be shaken; ♦
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.
7. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; ♦
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
8. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, ♦
until they see the downfall of their foes.
9. They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever; ♦
their head will be exalted with honour.

10. The wicked shall see it and be angry;
they shall gnash their teeth in despair; ♦
the desire of the wicked shall perish.

**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.**

Deuteronomy 9.1-21

Hear, O Israel! You are about to cross the Jordan today, to go in and dispossess nations larger and mightier than you, great cities, fortified to the heavens, a strong and tall people, the offspring of the Anakim, whom you know. You have heard it said of them, ‘Who can stand up to the Anakim?’ Know then today that the Lord your God is the one who crosses over before you as a devouring fire; he will defeat them and subdue them before you, so that you may dispossess and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has promised you.

When the Lord your God thrusts them out before you, do not say to yourself, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to occupy this land’; it is rather because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is dispossessing them before you.

It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you are going in to occupy their land; but because of the wickedness of those nations that the Lord your God is dispossessing them before you, in order to fulfil the promise that the Lord made on oath to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Know, then, that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to occupy because of your righteousness; for you are a stubborn people. Remember and do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness; you have been rebellious against the Lord from the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place.

Even at Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath, and the Lord was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you. When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant that the Lord made with you, I remained on the mountain for forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water. And the Lord gave me the two stone tablets written with the finger of God; on them were all the words that the Lord had spoken to you at the mountain out of the fire on the day of the assembly. At the end of forty days and forty nights the Lord gave me the two stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant. Then the Lord said to me, 'Get up, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought from Egypt have acted corruptly. They have been quick to turn from the way that I commanded them; they have cast an image for themselves.'

Furthermore, the Lord said to me, ‘I have seen that this people is indeed a stubborn people. Let me alone that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and more numerous than they.’

So I turned and went down from the mountain, while the mountain was ablaze; the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. Then I saw that you had indeed sinned against the Lord your God, by casting for yourselves an image of a calf; you had been quick to turn from the way that the Lord had commanded you. So I took hold of the two tablets and flung them from my two hands, smashing them before your eyes. Then I lay prostrate before the Lord as before, for forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin you had committed, provoking the Lord by doing what was evil in his sight.

For I was afraid that the anger that the Lord bore against you was so fierce that he would destroy you. But the Lord listened to me that time also. The Lord was so angry with Aaron that he was ready to destroy him, but I interceded also on behalf of Aaron at that same time. Then I took the sinful thing you had made, the calf, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it thoroughly, until it was reduced to dust; and I threw the dust of it into the stream that runs down the mountain.

Refrain: **God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

1. Blessed be the God and Father ♦
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
2. By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope ♦
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
3. Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, ♦
kept in heaven for you,
4. Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, ♦
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors ♦
not with perishable things like silver or gold
6. But with the precious blood of Christ ♦
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
7. Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, ♦
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Ephesians 4.1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

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I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

He has become my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

from Psalm 118

Refrain: **The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2. From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
3. He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4. He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5. Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
6. He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
7. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
8. The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence is kept.

The Collect of the day:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you,
just as you are progressing spiritually.” 3 John 2*

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