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## Stepney Clergy Conference 22

# Morning Prayer Easter Season

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**Preparation**

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,  
**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

## Hymn

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 sincerity and truth.

*1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

3. Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦  
death has no more dominion over him.
4. In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦  
in living he lives to God.

5. See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦  
and alive to God in Jesus 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 resurrection of the dead;

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

*1 Corinthians 15.20-22*

**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.**

### **Opening prayer**

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 for ever.  
**Amen.**

### *Psalm 135*

**Refrain:**        *Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

1. Alleluia.

Praise the name of the Lord; ♦  
give praise, you servants of the Lord,

2. You that stand in the house of the Lord, ♦  
in the courts of the house of our God.

3. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; ♦  
make music to his name, for it is lovely.

4. For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself ♦  
and Israel for his own possession. *R*

5. For I know that the Lord is great ♦  
and that our Lord is above all gods.
6. The Lord does whatever he pleases  
in heaven and on earth, ♦  
in the seas and in all the deeps.
7. He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth; ♦  
he makes lightning with the rain  
and brings the winds out of his treasuries. **R**
8. He smote the firstborn of Egypt, ♦  
the firstborn of man and beast.
9. He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, ♦  
upon Pharaoh and all his servants.
10. He smote many nations ♦  
and slew mighty kings:

11. Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the king of Bashan, ♦  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
12. He gave their land as a heritage, ♦  
a heritage for Israel his people. *R*
13. Your name, O Lord, endures for ever ♦  
and shall be remembered through all generations.
14. For the Lord will vindicate his people ♦  
and have compassion on his servants. *R*
15. The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, ♦  
the work of human hands.
16. They have mouths, but cannot speak; ♦  
eyes have they, but cannot see;

17. They have ears, but cannot hear; ♦  
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18. Those who make them shall become like them, ♦  
and so will all who put their trust in them. *R*
19. Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; ♦  
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.
20. Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; ♦  
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
21. Blessed be the Lord from Zion, ♦  
who dwells in Jerusalem.  
Alleluia.

**Refrain:**

*Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

*Wise and gracious God,  
save us from the idols of our hearts  
and keep us in your living presence,  
that we may become a people for your praise  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.**

## *Exodus 33*

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go, leave this place, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, and go to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, “To your descendants I will give it.” I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, or I would consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.’

When the people heard these harsh words, they mourned, and no one put on ornaments. For the Lord had said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, “You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, and I will decide what to do to you.” ’ Therefore the Israelites stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onwards.

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.

When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

Moses said to the Lord, ‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.” Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight.

Consider too that this nation is your people.’ He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’

The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’ Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’ And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’

And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

***Refrain:***        **I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.**

1. I am the Lord, your Holy One, •  
the Creator of Israel, your King.'
2. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, •  
a path in the mighty waters,
3. 'Remember not the former things, •  
nor consider the things of old.
4. 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; •  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

5. 'I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert, ●  
to give drink to my chosen people,
6. 'The people whom I formed for myself, ●  
that they might declare my praise.'

*Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21*

**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.**

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and rivers in the desert.**

## **Luke 3.15-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

*Luke 3.15-22*

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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.**

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*from 1 Corinthians 15*

*The Song of Christ's Glory*

***Refrain:*        At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.**

1. Christ Jesus was in the form of God, •  
but he did not cling to equality with God.
2. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, •  
and was born in our human likeness.
3. Being found in human form he humbled himself, •  
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
4. Therefore God has highly exalted him, •  
and bestowed on him the name above every name,

5. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, •  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
6. And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, •  
to the glory of God the Father.

*7. Philippians 2.5-11*

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

***Refrain:***

**At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow.**

## Prayers

On this day that the Lord has made,  
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: **R**

That all people may receive the good news of his victory: **R**

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism  
may know the power of his resurrection: **R**

That those who suffer pain and anguish  
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: **R**

That in the undying love of Christ  
we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: **R**

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

## Collect

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.**

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