Morning Prayer in the Easter Season

Preparation

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.

The Easter Anthems

Blessed be God for ever.

- 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.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: \spadesuit 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: \spadesuit and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 6 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;
- 8 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.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The Word of God

Psalmody

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All 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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here

Canticle: The Song of Moses and Miriam

Refrain:

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

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously, \blacklozenge the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my song \spadesuit and has become my salvation.
- 3 This is my God whom I will praise, \spadesuit the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
- 4 The Lord is a warrior, \blacklozenge the Lord is his name.
- 5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- 6 At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
- 7 In your unfailing love, O Lord, you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
- 8 And by your invincible strength \diamondsuit you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
- 9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, \blacklozenge in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

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

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?

Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus

Refrain:

The Lord is risen from the tomb who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \blacklozenge born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, \blacklozenge and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: \spadesuit to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation \diamondsuit by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \spadesuit and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.
The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

Prayers

The Collect of the day or the following is said

God of life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Our Father in heaven ...

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.