

Vespers for the 5th Sunday of Eastertime

Call to prayer:

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you have revealed to the nations
your saving power, and filled all ages
with the words of a new song.
Hear the echo of this hymn.
Give us voice to sing your praise
throughout this season of joy.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening Verse:

O God, come to our aid. O Lord make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn:

**Thine be the glory risen conquering Son!
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.**
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be.....

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing,
For her lord now liveth, death has lost its sting.
Thine be...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life.
Life is naught without thee, aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love,
Bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above.
Thine be...

The Psalms of Evening Prayer

Antiphon One: The Lord has risen and sits at the
right hand of God, alleluia.

The Messiah is king and priest Psalm 109

*He must be king so that he will put all his enemies under
his feet (1 Corinthians 15:25)*

The Lord's revelation to my Master;
"Sit on my right.
Your foes I will put beneath your feet".

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth,
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change;
you are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizadek of old.

The master standing at your right hand,
will shatter kings in the day of his wrath;

He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
both now and for ever. Amen.

Antiphon One: The Lord has risen and sits at the
right hand of God, alleluia.

Antiphon Two: He has freed us from the power
of darkness and has given us a place in the
kingdom of his Son, Alleluia.

When Israel came forth from Egypt,
Jacob's sons from an alien people.
Judah became the Lord's temple,
Israel became his kingdom.

The sea fled at the sight,
the Jordan turned back on its course,
the mountains leapt like rams,
and the hills like yearling sheep.

Why was it sea that you fled,
that you turned back, Jordan on your course?
Mountains that you leapt like rams,
hills, like yearling sheep?

Tremble O earth before the Lord,
in the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool,
and flint into a spring of water.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

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Antiphon three: Alleluia, the Lord our God is King; let us rejoice and give glory to him, alleluia.

Alleluia!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. His judgements are true and just. Alleluia.

Alleluia! Praise our God all you his servants, you who fear him small and great. Alleluia.

Alleluia! The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. Alleluia!

Alleluia! The marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle of Mary

Magnificat Antiphon: I give you a new commandment: love one another, as I have loved you, says the Lord, alleluia.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The almighty works marvels for me,
holy his name! His mercy is from age to age
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud hearted,
he casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly,

he fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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both now and for ever, world without end

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Intercessions

Let us pray to Christ the Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us.

Victorious King, hear us.

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of the nations; - set us on fire with your Spirit, as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection. **Victorious King, hear us.**

Let Israel recognise in you the Messiah it has longed for; - fill all people with the knowledge of your glory. **Victorious King, hear us.**

Keep us united in the communion of the saints; may we find rest with them when life's work is done. **Victorious King, hear us.**

You have overcome death, the last enemy of man;- destroy everything in us that is at enmity with God. **Victorious King, hear us.**

Christ our Saviour, you became obedient unto death, but God raised you to the heights;- receive our brothers and sisters who have died, into the kingdom of your glory. **Victorious King, hear us.**

Our Father....

Concluding Prayer

Since it is from you, God our Father,
that redemption comes to us,
your adopted children:
look with favour on the family you love,
give true freedom to us
and to all who believe in Christ,
and bring us all alike to our eternal heritage.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Church's Easter praise of Our Lady:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

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