



Welcome to Morning Prayer
the season of Easter
April - May, 2023

HYMN

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

All stand

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

Christ has shown forth his glory: O come let us worship.

INVITATORY

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

**he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

God's mercy is everlasting; *

and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *



the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the LORD *

all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; *

the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: of the day

The people sit.

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 21 (EOW): We Praise You, O God

Te Deum laudamus

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.



The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

SECOND READING: of the day

Silence may follow.

HYMN:

THIRD READING: of the day

SERMON

HYMN

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,



was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

FIRST COLLECT of the day

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

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Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has given us new life and hope;
and has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.
**God has brought us out of darkness;
and has made us light to the world.**

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CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

HYMN

Deep historical personal and spiritual trauma has impacted indigenous communities, communities of color, and immigrant communities. In worship, we affirm the right of those who have experienced this trauma or any other to bring their whole selves and stories into this space. St. John's Episcopal Church acknowledges that the land upon which our building sits is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota People. The land is the site of ongoing trauma from broken treaties, manipulation, war, state-sanctioned bloodshed, and forced displacement. We recognize that United States government policies have sought and still seek to steal the land and destroy the culture of the Dakota. The mass hanging of 38 Dakota braves on the site where the Mankato Public Library now sits is especially deplorable. We accept our duty to ongoing reconciliation—to learning about, to sharing with, to honoring, and to supporting the Indigenous peoples of Greater Mankato. We know that reconciliation is not a quick, one-and-done process. We seek to be good relatives. We repent the devastation of the past and turn toward a more just future. We affirm our intention to promote healing, respect, and love.