

**MORNING PRAYER
THE EASTER SEASON**

EASTER 3

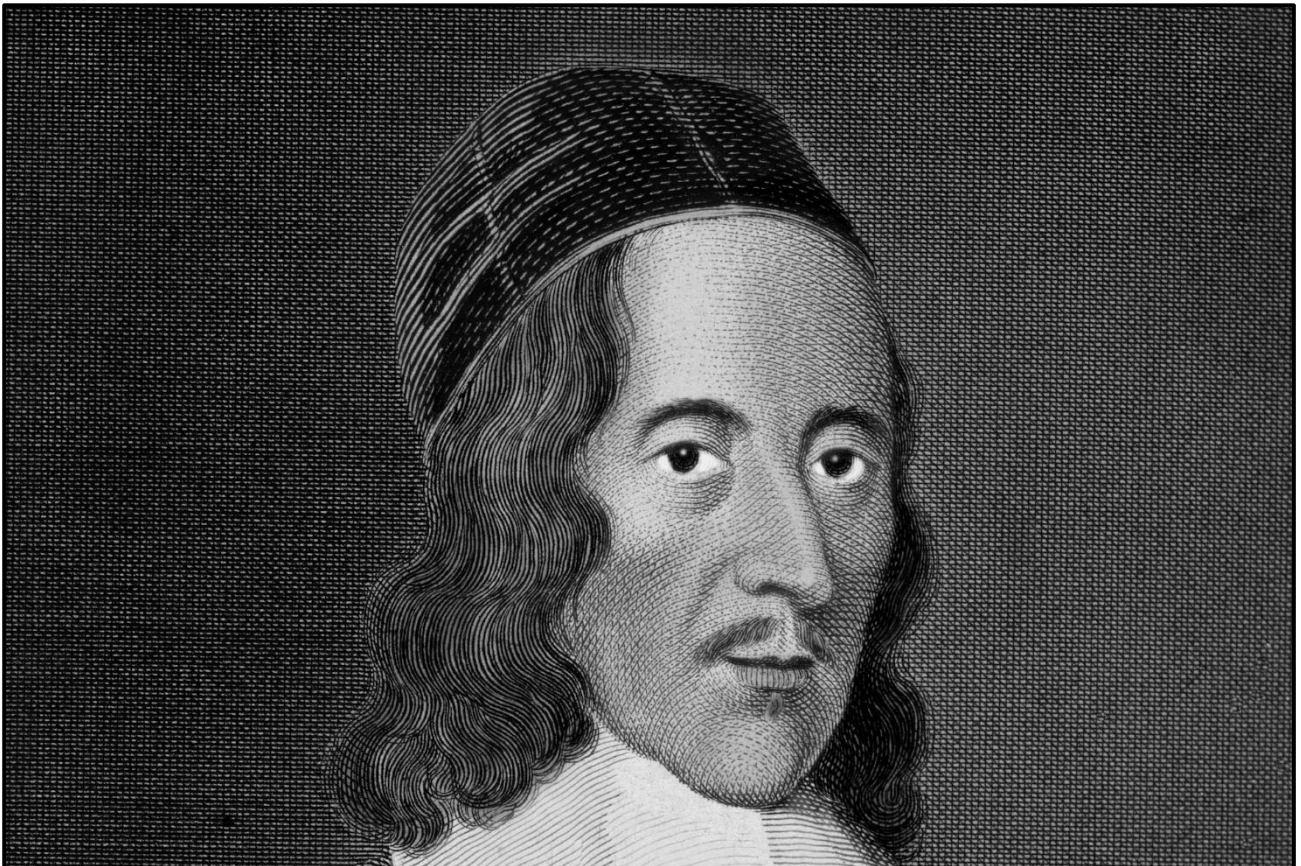
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(Based on An Order for Morning Prayer on Sunday, in Common Worship.)

**THE POETRY OF GEORGE HERBERT
IN EASTER-TIDE**



Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. 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.
Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN: LET ALL THE WORLD

I. Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
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THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Love (III) by *George Herbert*

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.
'A guest,' I answered, 'worthy to be here';
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply
'Who made the eyes but I?'
'Truth, Lord; but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love 'who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

You know us as we are, O God;
**you know our selfishness,
our anger and bitterness,
our fear and apathy,
our hardness of heart,
our deliberate blindness,
our need to begin again.**

In your mercy and love,
**forgive us,
transform us,
renew us.**

God who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PSALM 4

1. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
You set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer.
2. How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
How long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
3. But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
When I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
4. Stand in awe, and sin not;
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
And put your trust in the Lord.
6. There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
7. You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
8. In peace I will lie down and sleep,
For it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

The New Testament Reading: *Acts 3:12-19*

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

HYMN: THE CALL

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life :
Such a Way, as gives us breath :
Such a Truth, as ends all strife :
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength :
Such a Light, as shows a feast :
Such a Feast, as mends in length :
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart :
Such a Joy, as none can move :
Such a Love, as none can part :
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

THE GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24:36b-48*

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Easter Wings

Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks, harmoniously,
And sing this day thy victories:
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did beginne
And still with sicknesses and shame.
Thou didst so punish sinne,
That I became
Most thinne.
With thee
Let me combine,
And feel thy victorie:
For, if I imp my wing on thine,
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

George Herbert

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. AMEN.**

ANTHEM: Easter, from *The Temple* (1633), by George Herbert:

Rise heart: thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert, music by Vaughan Williams

SERMON

HYMN: KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
And, that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

George Herbert

THE PRAYERS

During the prayers, the Leader says:
Jesus, Lord of life
in your mercy, hear us.

At the end, the Leader says:
Lord of the Church:
**Hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
AMEN.**

The Collect for Easter 3 is said.

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
AMEN.

(CW alt.)

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 grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all
evermore.
AMEN.

NOTICES & BANNS

The Conclusion

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THE DISMISSAL

Go now,
Go with God's blessing,
Go in justice and love

Go now,
Go and love your neighbour,
Go and respect the earth.

Go now,
Go and befriend strangers,
Go and make peace

Go now,
It is time.
Go and walk with God.
AMEN.

(Ruth Burgess, Acorns and Archangels, p.247)

And the Blessing....

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OTHERS FOR
REFRESHMENTS AFTER THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:**