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## **THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG (EVENING PRAYER)**

**(The Book of Common Prayer)**

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**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Easter 2 (Low Sunday)**

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*HYMN: LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE*

1. Love's redeeming work is  
done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the  
seal!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

3. Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

4. Soar we now where Christ has  
led,  
Following our exalted head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the  
skies.

5. Hail the Lord of earth and  
heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

*The Minister reads The Opening Sentence*

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

All: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

PSALM 143:1-11



1. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
2. And enter not into judgement with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
4. Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.
5. Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
6. I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
7. Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8. O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.
9. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.
10. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
11. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake : and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

**Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son :  
and to the | Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be :  
world without | end. AMEN.**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 26:1-9,19

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and bulwarks. <sup>2</sup>Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you. <sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD for ever, for in the LORD GOD you have an everlasting rock. <sup>5</sup>For he has brought low the inhabitants of the height; the lofty city he lays low. He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust. <sup>6</sup>The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy. <sup>7</sup>The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous. <sup>8</sup>In the path of your judgements, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and your renown are the soul's desire. <sup>9</sup>My soul yearns for you in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

<sup>19</sup>Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a radiant dew, and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

The Magnificat (Said)

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**
- 2 For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.**
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.**
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.**
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.**
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.**
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.**
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for  
ever.**

*Luke 1:46-55*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. AMEN.**

The New Testament Reading: Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among

the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### The Nunc Dimittis (Said)

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.**
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;**
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;**
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel**

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. AMEN.**

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God

**All: the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. AMEN.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Our Father,

All: **which art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in earth,**

**As it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil. AMEN.**

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen.

All: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

All: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## The Collect for the Day: Easter 2

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**AMEN.**

## The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**AMEN.**

## The Collect for Aid Against Perils.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

## HYMN: IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN RAISED FROM DEATH

1. If Christ had not been raised from death, our faith would be in vain,  
Our preaching but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is risen indeed; he rules in earth and heaven:  
His gospel meets a world of need, in Christ we are forgiven.

2. If Christ still lay within the tomb then death would be the end,  
And we should face our final doom, with neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Saviour is raised up, so when a Christian dies  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope, in Christ the saints arise.

3. If Christ had not been truly raised, his church would live a lie;  
His name should never more be praised, his words deserve to die,  
But now the great Redeemer lives; through him we are restored;  
His word endures, his church revives in Christ our risen Lord.

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## THE SERMON

The Prayers, which may end with:

All: **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.**

HYMN: CHRIST IS ALIVE

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians  
sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises  
ring.  
Love, drowned in death shall never  
die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now  
And touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift and war  
Where colour, scorn or wealth  
divide  
He suffers still, yet loves the more,

And lives, where even hope has  
died.

4. Women and men, in age and  
youth,  
Can feel the spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive and comes to  
bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and  
praise.

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The Final Prayer and Blessing, to which all reply **AMEN.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. AMEN.**