

# EASTER

An aerial photograph of a city street grid, viewed from a high angle. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent yellow crown graphic in the lower center. The crown has five points and a central shield. Inside the shield, the text "BOOK OF DAILY LITURGY" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background is a grayscale aerial view of a city, with a major highway running vertically through the center. Several white, brushstroke-like lines radiate outwards from the crown, and several yellow, brushstroke-like lines also radiate outwards, creating a dynamic, energetic feel.

**BOOK  
OF DAILY  
LITURGY**

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# INTRODUCTION

In its simplest form, liturgy is a rhythm of response to God. Every person and every church has a liturgy. The question is simply whether we are intentional with our liturgy. Let's begin by laying out four benefits of a daily liturgy and three things you need to know about the Easter Book of Daily Liturgy.

## Four Benefits of a Daily Liturgy

- 1. Bible reading and prayer.** It may sound elementary, but having planned, regular, put-in-your-hands, routine Scripture reading and praying helps you actually read your Bible and pray!
- 2. Communal participation.** Although there is great value in doing daily liturgy as an individual, there is even greater benefit in using this book as a community. You will be reading the same Scriptures, praying the same prayers, and being stirred to ask the Father for the reign and rule of Jesus together. Therefore, we encourage you to use this book with your family, your community group, and even your local church!
- 3. Historical roots.** The prayers and rhythms of the liturgy are pulled from ages past, some dating all the way back to the 4th century. The language might feel a little awkward at times, but the effect is that we realize that we are in a long line of sinners who have been saved by Jesus.
- 4. God of order.** Our lives are crazy, and the twists and turns of life are unknown to us. But, our God remains the same. And liturgy helps us remember this. You know what you can expect. You know what's coming next. You know Jesus is alive and on his throne, even though life feels like Good Friday. Here is a quick outline of each day:
  - Call to Worship: a verse of Scripture that invites prayer and worship
  - Opening Prayer: a poem, prayer or hymn expressing praise or petition to God
  - Old Testament and New Testament Readings
  - Space for Contemplation: an opportunity to pause and reflect on the readings and prayers thus far
  - Closing Prayers: These are short prayers that are easy to remember throughout the day
  - Collect: the gathered (or collected) prayers of the people, which have been prayed by the church for centuries. They generally follow a simple pattern: invocation of God, description of an attribute of God, a corresponding petition, and a conclusion indicating the meditation of Jesus Christ and invocation of the Trinity.
  - Benediction: a closing word of blessing

## Three Things You Need to Know About Easter

- 1. Why Seven Weeks?** Like most holidays in our culture, we focus on the one day and move on to the next. We see this in our retail stores. As soon as Easter is over, the pastel-colored products disappear and we move our focus to summer break. The Church Calendar helps re-orient our lives to the story of the Gospel. In the season of Easter we can celebrate the Resurrection slowly as we journey through the story of Jesus appearing to his disciples leading up to his Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost).



**2. The Themes and Focus of Easter.** Resurrection is the theme of Easter, mainly the Resurrection of Jesus! But because of our union with Christ, we are also raised to new life with him. Our old life is dead, and we get to live in a resurrection reality. Resurrection means death is swallowed up. Resurrection means that there is more to this life. The whole Easter season gives us room to reflect on all of these themes.

**3. How to use the Eater Book of Daily Liturgy.** Simply start with the Week One, Day One reading on the first Sunday of Easter and continue reading daily. Read at dinner time. In the morning. Or before bed. Include your friends, small group, or children in the readings too!

Finally, if you miss a day, forget about it and pick up again the next day. The point isn't to weigh you down with a checklist, but to build into your life a rhythm of consistent prayer and Bible reading.

# FOR PARENTS

This Book of Daily Liturgy is not merely for adults, but for kids, too. Below are a few tips to help you journey through the Easter season with your kids.

## AGES 2-4

### Readings and Prayers:

If you have kids between the ages of two and four, have your kids follow you as you pray the Closing Prayer and Benediction. In the Closing Prayer section, ask your kids to complete the prayer:

“When Daddy says ‘*Christ is risen...*’ you say, ‘*He is Risen Indeed!*’”  
“When Mommy says ‘*Christ has died, Christ has risen...*’ you say, ‘*Christ will come again!*’”

You can do similar things with the Benediction as well. This is a simple way to involve your child and teach them to pray. Remember, at this age, “more is caught than taught.” Let your kids jump around the living room, but also provide simple ways to grab their short attention spans with the beauty of the Resurrection.

### Space for Contemplation:

Depending on the development of your children, you can invite your children to color pictures of what they heard in the Scripture readings during the Space for Contemplation. Prepare your children for this fun event beforehand; good parents set good expectations. Inform your kids that they will get to draw a picture toward the end of your time together. This will help them engage with the theme or content for that particular liturgy.



## AGES 5-8

### **Readings and Prayers:**

If your children are between ages of five and eight or can read, the best way for them to engage in the liturgy is by letting them read some of the sections. You can even have them lead the family by reading the opening and closing prayers, or let them be creative and lead the Benediction. In the long run, this will help grow the desire of your children to read Scripture and pray. It is okay for your child to fumble with words throughout the reading. It doesn't have to be crisp or clear; your goal is to simply build your child's confidence in reading and understanding Scripture.

### **Space for Contemplation:**

At this age you can begin to teach your children to be silent during the contemplation. They might not reflect on the Scripture or liturgy, but simply sitting still and respecting silence is a key learning experience at this age. They will see you worship by reflecting on God's Word! So, let them be kids, but teach them that silence is golden and a necessary part healthy worship.

## AGES 9 AND UP

### **Readings and Prayers:**

By age nine, most children can lead their family through the entirety of a daily liturgy. Encourage the family to gather-round and give him/her the booklet and cheer on his/her maturity. Additionally, encourage them to use this booklet on their own, so as to develop a youthful appreciation for the elements found in liturgy.

From the age of nine and onward, there is a good chance that your children will have questions regarding the Old Testament. If they read the Old Testament reading for your family, but don't understand how Israel's Only Savior in Isaiah is actually Jesus Christ in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, engage their curiosity and help them in Old Testament literacy.

### **Space for Contemplation:**

If your nine or ten year old doesn't understand silence and reflection yet, this is the best window of opportunity to teach them. In the Space For Contemplation, you can encourage your children to journal about what words or ideas come to mind during each Easter reading. If you have younger and older children, this means that during this section, some of your younger children are drawing pictures and your older children can write. Perhaps your child could keep an 'Easter journal' for such writings or personal prayers surrounding the theme of Easter.

*Some mornings will be fantastic. Some evenings will seem like a waste of time. Have realistic goals and expectations of yourself and your children. Whatever you decide to do this Easter season with your children, simply disciple them to love Jesus as much as they love the Easter eggs and candy.*





# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

- *Psalms 118:1-2*

### Opening Prayer

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

- *14<sup>th</sup> Century Hymn, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"*

### Old Testament Reading – Jonah 1:17-2:10

[17] And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

[2:1] Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,  
[2] saying,

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.

[3] For you cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.

[4] Then I said, 'I am driven away  
from your sight;  
yet I shall again look  
upon your holy temple.'





[5] The waters closed in over me to take my life;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped about my head

[6] at the roots of the mountains.  
I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the pit,  
O LORD my God.

[7] When my life was fainting away,  
I remembered the LORD,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.

[8] Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

[9] But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

[10] And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry  
land.

### **New Testament Reading – John 20:1-18**

[1] Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2] So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." [3] So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. [4] Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. [5] And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. [6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, [7] and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. [8] Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9] for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10] Then the disciples went back to their homes.

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. [12] And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. [13] They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." [14] Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15] Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." [16] Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). [17] Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.



## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection 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 resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.

Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.

Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.

Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.





# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

- Psalm 117

### Opening Prayer

Dear Father, by Your wondrous  
condescension of loving-kindness toward us, Your servants,  
You gave up Your Son.  
Dear Jesus, You paid the debt of Adam for us  
to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness.  
You cleared away the darkness of sin  
By Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection.  
You broke the bonds of death  
and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.  
You reconciled heaven and earth.  
Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us.  
Your Resurrection has guaranteed us new life and brought us joy.  
How immeasurable is the tenderness of Your love! Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Joshua 10:16-27

[16] These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah.  
[17] And it was told to Joshua, “The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.” [18] And Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, [19] but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand.” [20] When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, [21] then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.

[22] Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave.” [23] And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. [24] And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings.” Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. [25] And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.” [26] And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. [27] But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.



## **New Testament Reading – Galatians 2:20**

[20] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.



# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

- *Psalm 95:1-3*

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – 2 Samuel 6:5-15

[5] And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. [6] And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. [7] And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. [8] And David was angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. [9] And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" [10] So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. [11] And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household. [12] And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. [13] And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. [14] And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. [15] So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

### New Testament Reading – Revelation 1:12-18

[12] Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, [13] and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. [14] The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, [15] his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. [16] In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, [18] and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Collect

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

- Psalm 33:1-3

### Opening Prayer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy He has given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. It is reserved in heaven for you, who because of your faith in God are being protected by His power until the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 44:1-5

- [1] "But now hear, O Jacob my servant,  
Israel whom I have chosen!
- [2] Thus says the LORD who made you,  
who formed you from the womb and will help you:  
Fear not, O Jacob my servant,  
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
- [3] For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;  
I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.
- [4] They shall spring up among the grass  
like willows by flowing streams.
- [5] This one will say, 'I am the LORD's,'  
another will call on the name of Jacob,  
and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,'  
and name himself by the name of Israel."

### New Testament Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, [8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight [9] making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



[11] In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, [12] so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.  
Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.  
Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.  
So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.



# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

- *Psalm 105:1-3*

### Opening Prayer

Gracious and Holy Father, give me wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to fathom you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *St. Benedict*

### Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

[31] “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, [32] not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. [33] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

### New Testament Reading – Acts 10:34-43

[34] So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, [35] but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36] As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), [37] you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: [38] how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. [39] And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, [40] but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, [41] not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. [42] And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. [43] To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.



# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

- *Psalms 51:16-18*

### Opening Prayer

How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God! May the light of Jesus shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

- *adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 53:10-12

[10] Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
[11] Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
[12] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

### New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

[1] Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2] and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. [3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [9] For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

**Space for Contemplation**

## **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Collect**

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen.



# WEEK ONE OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

- Psalm 50:1-2

### Opening Prayer

O God of my exodus, great was the joy of Israel's sons, when Egypt died upon the shore. Far greater the joy when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust. Jesus strides forth as the victor, conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might; He bursts the bands of death, tramples the powers of darkness down, and lives for ever. He, my gracious surety, apprehended for payment of my debt, comes forth from the prison house of the grave free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death. Show me herein the proof that his vicarious offering is accepted, that the claims of justice are satisfied, that the devil's scepter is shattered, that his wrongful throne is levelled. Give me the assurance that in Christ I died, in him I rose, in his life I live, in his victory I triumph, in his ascension I shall be glorified.

- adapted from the Valley of Vision

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 26:16-19

[16] O LORD, in distress they sought you;  
they poured out a whispered prayer  
when your discipline was upon them.

[17] Like a pregnant woman  
who writhes and cries out in her pangs  
when she is near to giving birth,

so were we because of you, O LORD;  
[18] we were pregnant, we writhed,  
but we have given birth to wind.

We have accomplished no deliverance in the earth,  
and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.

[19] Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For your dew is a dew of light,  
and the earth will give birth to the dead.

### New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:1-17

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. [5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [6] On account of these the wrath of God is coming. [7] In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. [8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

[11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. [12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory  
forever and ever. Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

- Psalm 118:5-6

### Opening Prayer

O God, you make me glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son my Lord: Give me this day such blessing through my worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- The Book of Common Prayer

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 146

[1] Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

[2] I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

[3] Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

[4] When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

[5] Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

[6] who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

[7] who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

[8] the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

[9] The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

[10] The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

### New Testament Reading – John 20:19-31

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."



[24] Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." [26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.  
Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.  
Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.  
Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

- Psalm 47:6-8

### Opening Prayer

Father of glory,  
we praise you that you mightily raised your Son, Jesus, from the dead.  
We praise you that the stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is your doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
Death could not hold him!  
Our last enemy has fallen before your power  
in the triumph of Jesus over death,  
and we have been freed from fear of this ancient enemy. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 5:11-17

- [11] Woe to those who rise early in the morning,  
that they may run after strong drink,  
who tarry late into the evening  
as wine inflames them!
- [12] They have lyre and harp,  
tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts,  
but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD,  
or see the work of his hands.
- [13] Therefore my people go into exile  
for lack of knowledge;  
their honored men go hungry,  
and their multitude is parched with thirst.
- [14] Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite  
and opened its mouth beyond measure,  
and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude will go down,  
her revelers and he who exults in her.
- [15] Man is humbled, and each one is brought low,  
and the eyes of the haughty are brought low.
- [16] But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice,  
and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.
- [17] Then shall the lambs graze as in their pasture,  
and nomads shall eat among the ruins of the rich.

### New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

[6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, [9] obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

- *Psalm 100:3*

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – 2 Chronicles 5:2-14

[2] Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the people of Israel, in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. [3] And all the men of Israel assembled before the king at the feast that is in the seventh month. [4] And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark. [5] And they brought up the ark, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the Levitical priests brought them up. [6] And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. [7] Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. [8] The cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. [9] And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. [10] There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. [11] And when the priests came out of the Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had consecrated themselves, without regard to their divisions, [12] and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kinsmen, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with 120 priests who were trumpeters; [13] and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD,

“For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever,”

the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, [14] so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.



## **New Testament Reading – 1 John 1: 1-7**

[1] That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—[2] the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—[3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4] And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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### **Benediction**

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

- Psalm 103:1-2

### Opening Prayer

Thanks be to Thee, O God, that I have risen today,  
To the rising of this life itself;  
May it be to Thine own glory, O God of every gift  
And to the glory of my soul likewise.

- Alexander Carmichael

### Old Testament Reading – Exodus 33:12-17

[12] Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' [13] Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." [14] And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." [15] And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. [16] For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" [17] And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

### New Testament Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.

Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.

Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.

So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

- Psalm 106:48

### Opening Prayer

To God the Father, who created and rules the world; To God the son, who redeemed and sustains the world; To God the Holy Spirit, who regenerates hearts and brings comfort to us in this world; Be all praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 1:11-19

[11] And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." [12] Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." [13] The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." [14] Then the LORD said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. [15] For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the LORD, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. [16] And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. [17] But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. [18] And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. [19] They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."

### New Testament Reading – Acts 5:27-42

[27] And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, [28] saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." [29] But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. [30] The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. [31] God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

[33] When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. [34] But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. [35] And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. [36] For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.



[37] After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. [38] So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; [39] but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, [40] and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. [41] Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. [42] And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

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### **Benediction**

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

- Psalm 46:9

### Opening Prayer

Glory to you, O God:

On this day you won victory over death,  
raising Jesus from the grave  
and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ:

For us and for our salvation you overcame death  
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

You lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O blessed Trinity,  
now and forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – 2 Kings 4:18-22, 27-37

[18] When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. [19] And he said to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." [20] And when he had lifted him and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. [21] And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and went out. [22] Then she called to her husband and said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again."

[27] And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came to push her away. But the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." [28] Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'" [29] He said to Gehazi, "Tie up your garment and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child." [30] Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. [31] Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened." [32] When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. [33] So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. [34] Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. [35] Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. [36] Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son." [37] She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

## **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

[12] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. [14] And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. [15] We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. [17] And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. [20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

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### **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen.



# WEEK TWO OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

- *Psalm 95:6-7*

### Opening Prayer

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor man's, empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

- *6<sup>th</sup> Century Hymn, "Be Thou My Vision"*

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 6:1-7

[1] In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3] And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

[4] And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

[6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."



## **New Testament Reading – Romans 12:1-2**

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory  
forever and ever. Amen.



# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

- *Psalms 118:14-16*

### Opening Prayer

O God, who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
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 resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 1:26-2:1

[26] And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. [27] And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. [28] Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

[2:1] And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

### New Testament Reading – Luke 24:13-34

[13] That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, [14] and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. [15] While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. [16] But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. [17] And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. [18] Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” [19] And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, [20] and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

[21] But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. [22] Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, [23] and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. [24] Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." [25] And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! [26] Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" [27] And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

[28] So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, [29] but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. [30] When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. [31] And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. [32] They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" [33] And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, [34] saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection 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 resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.  
Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.  
Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.  
Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.



# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

- Psalm 147:1-2

### Opening Prayer

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
without delays  
who take thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
with him may 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 cross 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.  
I got me flowers to straw they way;  
I got be boughs off many a tree;  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.  
The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, and th' East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With they arising, they presume  
Can there be any day but this,  
though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

- Poem "Easter" by George Herbert, 1633





## Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 65:17-25

- [17] "For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.
- [18] But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.
- [19] I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.
- [20] No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not fill out his days,  
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,  
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- [21] They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- [22] They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- [23] They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,  
and their descendants with them.
- [24] Before they call I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- [25] The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
- They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain,"  
says the LORD.

## New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-19

[14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. [16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

## Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.





# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

[The LORD, our God] heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.  
He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

- *Psalm 147:3-4*

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 30

- [1] I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- [2] O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.
- [3] O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- [4] Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.
- [5] For his anger is but for a moment,  
and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.
- [6] As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."
- [7] By your favor, O LORD,  
you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.
- [8] To you, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- [9] "What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
- [10] Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"
- [11] You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,
- [12] that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## **New Testament Reading – Colossians 2:9-15**

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, [10] and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. [11] In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, [12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

- Psalm 97:12

### Opening Prayer

Christ, as a shield, overshadow and cover me.

Christ be under me. Christ be over me.

Christ be beside me, on left and on right.

Christ be before me. Christ be behind me.

Christ be within me. Christ be outside me.

Christ, as a light, illumine and guide me. Amen.

- St. Patrick

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 11:14-25

[14] And the word of the LORD came to me: [15] “Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, your kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Go far from the LORD; to us this land is given for a possession.’ [16] Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.’ [17] Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’ [18] And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. [19] And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, [20] that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. [21] But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.”

[22] Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them. [23] And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain that is on the east side of the city. [24] And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen went up from me. [25] And I told the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.

### New Testament Reading – Ephesians 2

[1] And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2] in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3] among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

[11] Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—[12] remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Collect

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.  
Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.  
Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.  
So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.

# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, because they do not change and do not fear God.

- *Psalm 55:16-19*

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, grant that since under the guidance of thy Son we have been united together in the body of thy Church, which has been so often scattered and torn asunder, O grant that we may continue in the unity of faith, and perseveringly fight against all the temptations of this world, and never deviate from the right course, whatever new troubles may daily arise; and though we are exposed to many deaths, let us not be seized with fear, such as may extinguish in our hearts every hope; but may we, on the contrary, learn to raise up our eyes and minds and all our thoughts to thy great power, by which thou quickenest the dead, and raisest from nothing things which are not, so that, though we be daily exposed to ruin, our souls may ever aspire to eternal salvation, until thou at length really showest thyself to be the fountain of life, when we shall enjoy that endless felicity which has been obtained for us by the blood of thine only begotten Son our Lord. Amen.

- *John Calvin*

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 16

- [1] Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- [2] I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."
- [3] As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.
- [4] The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.
- [5] The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.
- [6] The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- [7] I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- [8] I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- [9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.
- [10] For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.
- [11] You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



## **New Testament Reading – Acts 2:22-28**

[22] “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—[23] this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. [24] God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. [25] For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

[26] therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

[27] For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

[28] You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

- *Psalm 105:4*

### Opening Prayer

I will presume to speak to you, my Lord, though I am mere dust and ashes. Now, Lord, look upon me. Your gaze can turn my nothingness into newness, my darkness into light, my misery into joy, my death into life. When I become nothing, I discover both myself and you. You are my salvation, my power, my strength. Amen.

- *Thomas a Kempis*

### Old Testament Reading – Daniel 12:1-3

[1] "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. [2] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. [3] And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

### New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:21-28

[21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

### Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen.



# WEEK THREE OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.  
The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

- *Psalm 147:5-6*

### Opening Prayer

We give thanks to you, Lord,  
for you have done marvellous things!

When we were walking in darkness you were there, you were there,  
when we were kneeling in weakness you were there, you were there,  
when we drew near feeling worthless you were there, you were there,  
when we were needing forgiveness you were there, you were there,  
when we were searching for your grace you were there, you were there.

We give thanks to you, Lord,  
for you have done marvellous things! Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Exodus 19:1-6

[1] On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. [2] They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, [3] while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: [4] You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. [5] Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; [6] and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

### New Testament Reading – Titus 2:11-14

[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory  
forever and ever. Amen.



# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

- *Psalms 118:17-19*

### Opening Prayer

You are God: we praise You;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim You;  
You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.  
To You all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
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 acclaim You;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
and 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 became man to set us free You did not shun 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 and 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. Amen.

- *The Book of Common Prayer*

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 23

- [1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
[3] He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
[4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
[5] You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

## **New Testament Reading – John 20:19-31**

[1] After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. [2] Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. [3] Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. [4] Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." [6] He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. [8] The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. [9] When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. [10] Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11] So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. [12] Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. [14] This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

### **Collect**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.  
Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.  
Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.  
Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.



# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!

- Psalm 68:26

### Opening Prayer

O God, grant us to live in the riches of all that Jesus' resurrection means.

All authority belongs to him in heaven and on earth.

No power and no enemy can prevail against him.

Only good can come to us in the end as we trust in him.

The best is always yet to come. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 50:17-20

[17] "Israel is a hunted sheep driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has gnawed his bones. [18] Therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing punishment on the king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria. [19] I will restore Israel to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and in Bashan, and his desire shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. [20] In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

### New Testament Reading – Philippians 2:1-11

[1] So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2] complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Space for Contemplation





## **Closing Prayers**

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## **Collect**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.

# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

- Psalm 119:111

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Hosea 2:14-23

[14] “Therefore, behold, I will allure her,  
and bring her into the wilderness,  
and speak tenderly to her.

[15] And there I will give her her vineyards  
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.

And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,  
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

[16] “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ [17] For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. [18] And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. [19] And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. [20] I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

[21] “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,  
I will answer the heavens,  
and they shall answer the earth,

[22] and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and they shall answer Jezreel,

[23] and I will sow her for myself in the land.

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’;  
and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

### New Testament Reading – 1 John 1: 1-7

[46] While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. [48] But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” [49] And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” [50] For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

- Psalm 19:14

### Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you have said that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Suffer us not to stray from you, who are the way, nor to distrust you, who are the truth, nor to rest in anything other than you, who are the life. Amen.

- Desiderius Erasmus

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 56:1-8

[1] Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

[2] Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

[3] Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,  
“The LORD will surely separate me from his people”;  
and let not the eunuch say,  
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

[4] For thus says the LORD:  
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,

[5] I will give in my house and within my walls  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

[6] “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

[7] these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

[8] The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”



## New Testament Reading – Ephesians 3

[1] For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—[2] assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, [3] how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. [4] When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. [6] This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

[7] Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. [8] To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9] and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, [10] so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. [13] So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

[14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. [20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.  
Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.  
Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.  
So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.



# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

- Psalm 46:10-11

### Opening Prayer

Let us bless the Lord God living and true!

Let us always render him praise, glory, honor, blessing, and all good things!

Amen. Amen. So be it! So be it!

- Francis of Assisi

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

[8] “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” [9] And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. [10] And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

[3:1] And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” [2] So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. [3] And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. [4] And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. [5] For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel—[6] not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. [7] But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. [8] Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. [9] Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” [10] Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. [11] And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

### New Testament Reading – Acts 4:5-22

[5] On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, [6] with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. [7] And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”



[8] Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, [9] if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, [10] let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

[11] This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. [12] And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

[13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. [14] But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. [15] But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, [16] saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. [17] But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” [18] So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, [20] for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” [21] And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. [22] For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

### Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.



# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

- Psalm 119:174-175

### Opening Prayer

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him.  
Grant that we who celebrate with joy  
Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness,  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Job 19:25-27

- [25] For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
[26] And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
[27] whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

### New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:35-41

[35] But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" [36] You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. [37] And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. [38] But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. [39] For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. [40] There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. [41] There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

### Space for Contemplation





## **Closing Prayers**

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## **Collect**

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- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen.



# WEEK FOUR OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

- Psalm 71:17

### Opening Prayer

Eternal God, who through the coming of the Lord has revealed yourself as our Father, come.

Eternal Son, who became man for us and our salvation, come.

Eternal Spirit, who overshadowed the blessed virgin, come.

Good and gracious God, come; come and abide with us, come and guide us, come and protect us, this day and evermore. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-12

[1] The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.

[2] And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. [3] And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." [4] Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. [5] Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. [6] And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

[7] So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8] And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. [9] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." [10] So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

[11] Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' [12] Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.



## **New Testament Reading – Galatians 5:16-26**

[16] But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [19] Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

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### **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- Psalm 118:22-24

### Opening Prayer

Our Father, we dare call you by that blessed name,  
for we feel the spirit of children.

We love you, we trust you, and we desire in all things to be obedient to your will,  
and to seek your honor.

All our dependence is placed on you  
since the day when you taught us to believe in Jesus Christ  
and now, you are all in all to us, You are our fullness,  
and we lose ourselves and find ourselves completely in you.

We would lie in the very dust before you because of sin;  
and yet, at the same time, rejoice in the great Sin-bearer,  
that the sin is not imputed to us, that it is put away by his precious blood,  
that we are accepted in the Beloved.  
But even this does not content us;  
we are crying after the work of the Holy Spirit within,  
till Satan shall be bruised under our feet, and sin shall be utterly destroyed.

This is our soul's grandest desire, that Jesus' name be lifted high,  
and his throne be set up among the people, to the praise of the glory of His  
grace.

- Prayer from Charles Spurgeon, 1880

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 136:1-9

- [1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- [2] Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- [3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- [4] to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- [5] to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- [6] to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- [7] to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- [8] the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- [9] the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;



## **New Testament Reading – John 21:15-19**

[15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” [16] He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” [17] He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. [18] Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” [19] (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.  
Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.  
Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.  
Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.



# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

- *Psalm 101:1*

### Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today  
raise us up and renew our lives  
by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 25:5-10

[5] “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. [6] And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. [7] And if the man does not wish to take his brother’s wife, then his brother’s wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, ‘My husband’s brother refuses to perpetuate his brother’s name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband’s brother to me.’ [8] Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him, and if he persists, saying, ‘I do not wish to take her,’ [9] then his brother’s wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. And she shall answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother’s house.’ [10] And the name of his house shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal pulled off.’

### New Testament Reading – Mark 12:18-27

[18] And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, [19] “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. [20] There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. [21] And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. [22] And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. [23] In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.” [24] Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? [25] For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. [26] And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? [27] He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.



# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

- Psalm 93:1-2

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:21-28

[21] then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. [22] And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. [23] They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

[24] “My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes.

[25] They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. [26] I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. [27] My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [28] Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”

### New Testament Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

[1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.





## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

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- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

- Psalm 118:27

### Opening Prayer

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart,  
which no unworthy affection may drag downwards;  
give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out;  
give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.  
Bestow on me also, O Lord my God,  
understanding to know you,  
diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Thomas Aquinas

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 148

- [1] Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!
- [2] Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!
- [3] Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!
- [4] Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!
- [5] Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.
- [6] And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- [7] Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- [8] fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- [9] Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!
- [10] Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!
- [11] Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- [12] Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!
- [13] Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- [14] He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the LORD!

## New Testament Reading – Ephesians 4

[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—[5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [7] But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. [8] Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

[9] (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? [10] He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) [11] And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. [15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

[17] Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. [18] They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. [19] They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. [20] But that is not the way you learned Christ!—[21] assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, [22] to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, [23] and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, [24] and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

[25] Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. [26] Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, [27] and give no opportunity to the devil. [28] Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. [29] Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30] And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31] Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. [32] Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

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## **Collect**

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- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.

Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.

Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.

So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.





# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

- *Psalm 82:1, 8*

### Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
banish fear and fretting and discouragement and moodiness from our lives. Rivet our attention on the ultimate reality of Christ's final triumph over death. Never let us forget or fail to feel universal glory that you have given Jesus a name that is above every name. Make this practical in our daily lives as we see every person, great and small, facing someday the risen and triumphant Judge of all the nations. Give us a brokenhearted boldness in the mercy and might of Jesus. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 2

- [1] Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- [2] The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- [3] "Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us."
- [4] He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.
- [5] Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- [6] "As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."
- [7] I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.
- [8] Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- [9] You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- [10] Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- [11] Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.
- [12] Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

### New Testament Reading – Acts 13:26-44

[26] "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

[27] For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.

[28] And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. [29] And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. [30] But God raised him from the dead, [31] and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. [32] And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, [33] this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you.’

[34] And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

“I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’

[35] Therefore he says also in another psalm,

“You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’

[36] For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, [37] but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. [38] Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, [39] and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. [40] Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

[41] “Look, you scoffers,  
be astounded and perish;  
for I am doing a work in your days,  
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

[42] As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. [43] And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

[44] The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

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- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.



# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

- Psalm 72:18-19

### Opening Prayer

O Christ our God,  
Ceaselessly we bow  
Before your cross  
That gives us life;  
And glorify your Resurrection,  
Most powerful Lord,  
When on that third day  
You made anew  
The failing nature of mankind,  
Showing us revealed  
the path to heaven above;  
For you alone are good,  
The Lover of the Human Race. Amen.

- 8th Century prayer by St. John Damascene

### Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 17:17-24

[17] After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. [18] And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" [19] And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. [20] And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" [21] Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." [22] And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. [23] And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." [24] And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."





## **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:42-48**

[42] So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. [43] It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. [44] It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. [45] Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. [46] But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. [47] The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. [48] As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

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- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen.



# WEEK FIVE OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

- Psalm 71:12

### Opening Prayer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me,  
Body of Christ, save me,  
Blood of Christ, refresh me,  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me,  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me,  
O good Jesus, hear me,  
Within your wounds, heal me,  
Let me never be separated from you,  
From the powers of darkness, defend me,  
In the hour of my death, call me, and bid me come with you,  
that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

- adapted from Brother Roger of Taizé

### Old Testament Reading – 2 Kings 2:1-15

[1] Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2] And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3] And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." [4] Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. [5] The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." [6] Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. [7] Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8] Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. [9] When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." [10] And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." [11] And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. [13] And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

[14] Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. [15] Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

### **New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

[11] But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13] I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, [14] to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

### **Space for Contemplation**

#### **Closing Prayers**

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#### **Collect**

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*- Book of Common Prayer*

#### **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory  
forever and ever. Amen.



# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

- Psalm 118:25-26

### Opening Prayer

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me.

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me.

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, grant me your peace. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 67

- [1] May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
- [2] that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.
- [3] Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!
- [4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
- [5] Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!
- [6] The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.
- [7] God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

### New Testament Reading – Luke 24:36-49

[36] As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" [37] But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. [38] And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39] See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." [40] And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. [41] And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" [42] They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43] and he took it and ate before them.

[44] Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

[45] Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46] and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things. [49] And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

### Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.  
Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.  
Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.

Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.



# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

- *Psalms 98:6-7*

### Opening Prayer

O Father, we want our lives to count for the display of his greatness.

Work in us to this end with all your might, we pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 1:4-25

[4] As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal. [5] And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, [6] but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. [7] Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like burnished bronze. [8] Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: [9] their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went. [10] As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle. [11] Such were their faces. And their wings were spread out above. Each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies. [12] And each went straight forward. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. [13] As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches moving to and fro among the living creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. [14] And the living creatures darted to and fro, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

[15] Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them. [16] As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl. And the four had the same likeness, their appearance and construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel. [17] When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went. [18] And their rims were tall and awesome, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all around. [19] And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. [20] Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. [21] When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

[22] Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. [23] And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body. [24] And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings. [25] And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.

### **New Testament Reading – Revelation 5:11-14**

[11] Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12] saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

[13] And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

[14] And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

### **Space for Contemplation**

#### **Closing Prayers**

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#### **Collect**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

#### **Benediction**

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.



# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

- Psalm 67:1-3

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

### New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

[5:1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.





[8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

- Psalm 66:1-3

### Opening Prayer

Easter is not a time for groping through dusty, musty tomes or tombs to disprove spontaneous generation or even to prove life eternal. It is a day to fan the ashes of dead hope, a day to banish doubts and seek the slopes where the sun is rising, to revel in the faith which transports us out of ourselves and the dead past into the vast and inviting unknown.

- Author Unknown

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

[1] The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

[2] It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

[3] and many peoples shall come, and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

[4] He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

[5] O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

### New Testament Reading – Ephesians 5:1-6:9

[5:1] Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. [2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. [3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. [4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

[5] For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. [6] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. [7] Therefore do not become partners with them; [8] for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9] (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10] and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11] Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. [13] But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, [14] for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. [17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, [19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, [20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, [21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

[22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. [25] Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [26] that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, [27] so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. [28] In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. [33] However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

[6:1] Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), [3] “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” [4] Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. [5] Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, [6] not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, [7] rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, [8] knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. [9] Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.



## Space for Contemplation

### Closing Prayers

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### Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### Benediction

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.

Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.

Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.

So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.





# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

- Psalm 95:1

### Opening Prayer

Adorable Redeemer,  
you were lifted upon a cross  
you have ascended to highest heaven.  
Jesus, Man of sorrows  
you were crowned with thorns,  
and are now as Lord of life wreathed with glory.  
Once, no shame more deep than yours,  
no agony more bitter,  
no death more cruel.  
Now, no exaltation more high,  
no life more glorious,  
no advocate more effective.  
What more could be done than what you have done!  
Your death is my life,  
your resurrection my peace,  
your ascension my hope,  
your prayers my comfort.

- adapted from the Valley of Vision

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 47

- [1] Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- [2] For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.
- [3] He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.
- [4] He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
- [5] God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- [6] Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- [7] For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!
- [8] God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.
- [9] The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!

## **New Testament Reading – Luke 24:44-53**

[44] Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46] and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things. [49] And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” [50] Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. [51] While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. [52] And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, [53] and were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

- Psalm 149:1

### Opening Prayer

We rejoice, Father God!  
The stone is rolled away,  
grave clothes neatly folded,  
no more the smell of death.  
Behold, the empty tomb!  
Halleluia! He is risen!

We rejoice, Son of God!  
Scripture has been fulfilled,  
the sting of death is gone,  
the victory has been won.  
Behold, the risen Christ!  
Halleluia! He is risen!

We rejoice, Holy Spirit!  
The curtain's torn in two,  
our God invites us in,  
Christ's sacrifice enough  
to wash away our sins!  
Halleluia! He is risen, Amen!

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

- [6] On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- [7] And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- [8] He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.
- [9] It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."



## **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:50-55**

[50] I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. [51] Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. [53] For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. [54] When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

[55] “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

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### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen!



# WEEK SIX OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

- Isaiah 1:18

### Opening Prayer

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father. Amen.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Century Hymn, “Gloria In Excelsis”

### Old Testament Reading – Exodus 33:18-23

[18] Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” [19] And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. [20] But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” [21] And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, [22] and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. [23] Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

### New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

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## **Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY ONE: SUNDAY

### Call to Worship

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

- Psalm 118:28-29

### Opening Prayer

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. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 97

- [1] The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- [2] Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- [3] Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- [4] His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- [5] The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- [6] The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- [7] All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship him, all you gods!
- [8] Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- [9] For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- [10] O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- [11] Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- [12] Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

## **New Testament Reading – Acts 1:4-11**

[4] And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; [5] for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” [6] So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” [7] He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” [9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*- Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

Father, hear our prayer and let our praise come before you.  
Empower us through your Spirit to live in the realities of new life in Christ.  
Awaken new life in those around us who are far from you.  
Let the church proclaim, Christ is Risen! He Is Risen indeed! Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY TWO: MONDAY

### Call to Worship

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

- Psalm 30:4-5

### Opening Prayer

Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the shadows of my heart,  
and grant unto me a right faith,  
a certain hope and perfect charity,  
sense and understanding,  
Lord, so that I may accomplish Thy holy and true command. Amen.

- St. Francis of Assisi

### Old Testament Reading – Daniel 7:9-11

[9] "As I looked,  
thrones were placed,  
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.

[10] A stream of fire issued  
and came out from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  
the court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

[11] "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

### New Testament Reading – Hebrews 1:1-4

[1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. [3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4] having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### Space for Contemplation



## **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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## **Benediction**

Glory be to God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, so it is now and so it shall ever be, world without end.  
Alleluia. Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY THREE: TUESDAY

### Call to Worship

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

- Psalm 105:3

### Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Daniel 7:13-14; 27

[13] "I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.

[14] And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

[27] And the kingdom and the dominion  
and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven  
shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High;  
his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,  
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.'

### New Testament Reading – Matthew 19:28-30

[28] Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. [29] And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. [30] But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

### Space for Contemplation





## **Closing Prayers**

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## **Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

## **Benediction**

May God himself order my days  
and make them acceptable in his sight.  
Blessed is the Lord always,  
my strength and my redeemer. Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

### Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations — let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

- *Psalms 66:5-7*

### Opening Prayer

Jesus, born a refugee: come among us.  
Jesus, friend of the poor: come among us.  
Jesus, lover of the outcast: come among us.  
Christ, food for the hungry: come among us.  
Christ, health of the sick: come among us.  
Christ, savior of the world: come among us.  
Jesus, bringer of good news: come among us.  
Jesus, hope of us all: come among us. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 17:38-47

[38] Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, [39] and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. [40] Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. [41] And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. [42] And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. [43] And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." [45] Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. [46] This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, [47] and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

## **New Testament Reading – Ephesians 6:10-23**

[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

[21] So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. [22] I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. [23] Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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### **Benediction**

Open, Lord, my eyes that I may see.  
Open, Lord, my ears that I may hear.  
Open, Lord, my heart and my mind that I may understand.  
So shall I turn to you and be healed. Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

- *Psalm 135:1-3*

### Opening Prayer

And he departed from our sight  
that we might return to our heart,  
and there find Him.

For He departed, and behold,  
He is here.

- *St. Augustine*

### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 20:33-44

[33] “As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. [34] I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. [35] And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. [36] As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord GOD. [37] I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. [38] I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD. [39] “As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: Go serve every one of you his idols, now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

[40] “For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred offerings. [41] As a pleasing aroma I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. And I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. [42] And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers. [43] And there you shall remember your ways and all your deeds with which you have defiled yourselves, and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. [44] And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name’s sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.”

## **New Testament Reading – Acts 17:22-31**

[22] So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. [23] For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. [24] The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, [25] nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. [26] And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, [27] that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, [28] for

“In him we live and move and have our being”;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.”

[29] Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. [30] The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, [31] because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## **Space for Contemplation**

### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **Collect**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- *Book of Common Prayer*

### **Benediction**

O Lord, hear my prayer  
and let my cry come unto you.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY SIX: FRIDAY

### Call to Worship

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

- Psalm 96:8

### Opening Prayer

O Jesus, King most wonderful,  
Thou Conqueror renowned,  
Thou Sweetness most ineffable,  
In Whom all joys are found!

When once Thou visitest the heart,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanities depart,  
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, Light of all below,  
Thou Fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
And all we can desire!

Thy wondrous mercies are untold,  
Through each returning day;  
Thy love exceeds a thousand fold,  
Whatever we can say.

May every heart confess Thy Name;  
And ever Thee adore;  
And seeking Thee, itself inflame,  
To seek Thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues forever bless;  
Thee may we love alone;  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Thine own. Amen.

- Bernard of Clairvaux

### Old Testament Reading — 1 Samuel 17:48-54

[48] When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. [49] And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. [52] And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron.

[53] And the people of Israel came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. [54] And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

### **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:56-58**

[56] The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. [57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[58] Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

### **Space for Contemplation**

#### **Closing Prayers**

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#### **Collect**

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#### **Benediction**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
for he has visited us and delivered us. Amen.



# WEEK SEVEN OF EASTER

## DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

### Call to Worship

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

- *Psalm 34:2*

### Opening Prayer

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come:

And from thy celestial home send thy light and brilliancy.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come, who givest all our store,

Come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best, of the soul the sweetest guest,  
sweetly and refreshingly.

Come in labour rest most sweet,  
shade and coolness in the heat, comfort in adversity.

Thou who art the light most blest,  
come, fulfill their inmost breast, who believe most faithfully.

For without thy Godhead's dower,  
man hath nothing in his power, save to work iniquity.

What is filthy make thou pure,

what is wounded work its cure,

water what is parched and dry.

Gently bend the stubborn will,  
warm to life the heart that's chill,

guide who goeth erringly.

Fill thy faithful who adore,

and confess thee evermore,

with thy sevenfold mystery.

Here thy grace and virtue send,  
grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity. Amen.

- *Latin hymn from the 13th century*

### Old Testament Reading – Lamentations 3:22-33

[22] The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;

[23] they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

[24] "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

[25] The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.

[26] It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

[27] It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.

[28] Let him sit alone in silence  
when it is laid on him;

[29] let him put his mouth in the dust—  
there may yet be hope;

[30] let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,  
and let him be filled with insults.



- [31] For the Lord will not  
cast off forever,  
[32] but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
[33] for he does not afflict from his heart  
or grieve the children of men.

### **New Testament Reading – Romans 8:14-17**

[14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **Space for Contemplation**

#### **Closing Prayers**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### **Collect**

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#### **Benediction**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible,  
the only God, be honor and glory  
forever and ever. Amen.



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