

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Easter

April 24, 2024



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: Death has no more dominion over us.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: ...one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM 148 *(read in unison)*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise God in the heights.

Praise the LORD, all you angels;

sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

Praise the LORD, sun and moon;

sing praise, all you shining stars.

Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law which shall not pass away.*

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and maidens, old and young together.

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.*

*The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!*

SCRIPTURE READING:

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#)

Leader: ...The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

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[Matthew 5:17-20](#)

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

People: and we will live this day in joy and praise.

(Those gathered are led in prayer...)

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Leader: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

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

DISMISSAL

Leader: May the steadfast love of the Lord be ours, this day and forever.

People: Alleluia.

Leader: Bless the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Leader: Christ is risen! Do not be afraid! Go and tell this good news to all.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Signs and words of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.)



~ The psalm text comes from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox, 2018), in an inclusive/expansive language version first published in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress, 2006) and shared with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners.