

**Fixed Hour Prayer**  
**The Resurrection of our Lord (April 12)**

**The Morning Office      To be observed between 6 and 9 a.m.**

*The Call to Prayer*

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise!  
(Psalm 51:15)

*The Request for Presence*

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. (Psalm 149: 1-5)

*The Greeting*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

*The Refrain for the Morning Lesson*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

*A Reading from St. Matthew 28: 1-10*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left

the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*The Refrain for the Morning Lesson*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

*Hymn of Praise: Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!

who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!

praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*The Refrain*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### *Concluding Prayer of the Day*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## **The Midday Office**

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**To be observed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

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### *The Call to Prayer*

Open the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. (Psalm 118:19-21)

### *The Request for Presence*

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere Him. (Psalm 67:5-7)

### *The Greeting*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

### *The Refrain for the Midday Lesson*

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

(Luke 24:5)

### *A Reading from St. Luke 24: 13-35*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be

condemned to death and crucified him. 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### *The Refrain for the Midday Lesson*

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. (Luke 24:5)

*The Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh what a miracle God has  
in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory!  
Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open their  
eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our  
constant surprise (Refrain)

Weeping be gone; sorrow, be silent; death put asunder and  
Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us  
in light. (Refrain)

*The Cry of the Church*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in  
the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!  
(Psalm 148: 1-2)

*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into  
temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Concluding Prayer of the Day*

O God, whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples  
in the breaking of the bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we  
may behold Him in all His redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



*The Call to Prayer*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9: 1-2)

*The Request for Presence*

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. (Psalm 111: 1-3)

*A Reading from Isaiah 25: 6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained  
clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might  
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



*A Hymn: Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here, “Christ has triumphed! He is living!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above

that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life’s day

that by our lives we truly say, “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Vespers Psalm*

I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to She’ol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16: 8-11)

*The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Concluding Prayer of the Day by Ted Loder*

Lord of such amazing surprises as put a catch in my breath and wings on my heart,  
I praise you for this joy, too great for words but not for tears and songs and sharing;  
for this mercy that blots out my betrayals and bids me begin again,  
to limp on, to hop-skip-and jump on, to mend what is broken in and around me,  
and to forgive the breakers;  
for the YES to life and laughter, to love and lovers, and to my unwinding self;  
for this kingdom unleashed in me and I in it forever, and no dead ends to growing,  
to choices, to chances, to calls to be just;  
no dead ends to living, to making peace, to dreaming dreams, to be glad of heart;  
for this resurrection madness which is wiser than I and in which I see how great you are, full of grace. Alleluia!

*Final Benediction*

May God bless us in our sleep with rest,  
in our dreams with vision,  
in our waking with a calm mind,  
in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit,  
this night and every night. Amen.

**Resources used**

Holy Bible—New Revised Standard Version

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Eastertide by Phyllis Tickle

Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder

Wild Goose Worship by Wee Worship

Christ  
Risen!