

Saint John's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer
Easter

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; I Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, *

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm appointed for the day

At the end of the Psalms is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The 1st Lesson

A Reading from _____

After the lesson,

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb

(Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13)

Splendor and honor and kingly power*

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is,*

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,*

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation,*
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,*

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,*
for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel According to _____

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of petition, intercession, thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Let us Bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20, 21