

# St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

## Home Prayers A Form of Prayer for Groups or Families



*A candle or candles placed on the table or in the worship area may be lit. A cross and flowers by the candle on the table is appropriate.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**  
May his grace and peace be with you. **MAY HE FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY!**

### At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CP 207

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine  
Gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
Gives his Body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;

With sincerity and love,  
Eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,  
Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light:  
Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall!  
Thou hast opened paradise,  
And in thee thy saints shall rise.

This, our gift of Easter joy,  
sin alone can now destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

### The Collect

Risen Christ, **FOR WHOM NO DOOR IS LOCKED, NO ENTRANCE BARRED:  
OPEN THE DOORS OF OUR HEARTS, SO THAT WE MAY SEEK THE GOOD OF OTHERS  
AND WALK THE JOYFUL ROAD OF SACRIFICE AND PEACE, TO THE PRAISE OF GOD,  
THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE. AMEN.**

### Christ Our Passover

CP 750

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, Alleluia, 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, Alleluia, 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, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading: Dick Martin**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Christ is risen! **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

**Psalm 16 Dick Martin**

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**2 ALL MY DELIGHT IS UPON THE GODLY THAT ARE IN THE LAND, UPON THOSE WHO ARE NOBLE AMONG THE PEOPLE.**

3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 THEIR LIBATIONS OF BLOOD I WILL NOT OFFER, NOR TAKE THE NAMES OF THEIR GODS UPON MY LIPS.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 MY BOUNDARIES ENCLOSE A PLEASANT LAND; INDEED, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I HAVE SET THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE ME; BECAUSE YOU ARE AT MY SIDE I SHALL NOT FALL.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 FOR YOU WILL NOT ABANDON ME TO THE GRAVE, NOR LET YOUR HOLY ONE SEE THE PIT.**

11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your hand are pleasures for evermore.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.**

### Children's Talk

**Second Reading: Trish Martin**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

A reading from the first book of Peter,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Christ is risen! **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

**Gradual: Alleluia No. 1 CP 405**

***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.***

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. ***Refrain.***

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. ***Refrain.***

**Gospel: Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne**

**John 20:19-31**

The Lord be with you: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ. **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**Gradual: Alleluia No. 1 CP 405**

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. **Refrain.**

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

**Devotional**

*(pause for reflections)*

**Fr. Allen Doerksen**

**Apostle's Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Paul Thiessen**

As we prepare to pray I invite you to sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

O God our creator,

We thank you for this beautiful world and lament that we as human beings can be so arrogant and so quick to hurt both ourselves and others. Touch the earth with healing, we ask. Help us as we seek to be stewards of all that you have entrusted to our care.

Holy God... **"HEAR OUR PRAYERS."**

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;  
when information comes from all sides, correct and not,  
help us to discern; when fear makes it hard to breathe,  
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God;  
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;  
help us to be socially connected, when we have to be physically distant;  
help us to love as perfectly as we can, knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

Holy God... **"HEAR OUR PRAYERS."**

Oh God our redeemer and healer we pray for your church:

Your whole church,

We pray for all who lead your church, all bishops, priests, elders, deacons, and pastors that collectively make up the universal Body of Christ. We ask that whatever their difference, with the Holy Spirit as their guide they may all work with you for the good of the world.

In our parishes of St Thomas and St Matthew we pray for our Primate Linda, our archbishop and metropolitan Melissa, and our priest Father Allen that you may give them wisdom and strength to live into the fullness of your call on their lives.

Holy God... **"HEAR OUR PRAYERS."**

May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and house those without homes; may we walk with those who feel they are alone, and may we do all that we can to heal the sick- in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.  
Help us, O God, that we might help each other.

Holy God... **"HEAR OUR PRAYERS."**

Oh God Our sustainer, we pray for all your children

In this time change and uncertainty, we pray for one another, let us leave no one out - particularly those who see your purposes differently than we do.

Holy God... **"HEAR OUR PRAYERS."**

For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray,  
for the technicians and the janitors and the aides and the caregivers, we pray,

for the researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and investigators,  
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray.  
For all those who make decisions that affect the lives of others  
and for all who are affected, all around the world... we pray  
for safety, for health, for wholeness.

Holy God... **"HEAR OUR PRAYERS."**

In the love of the Creator, in the name of the Healer, and in the life of the Holy Spirit  
that is in all and with all, we pray. May it be so.

*Adapted from a prayer during times of COVID-19 by the Right Rev. Richard Bott of the United Church of  
Canada, originally posted on Facebook. Moderator Bott encourages the sharing of prayers he posts  
throughout his term.*

### **Growing in Grace**

**GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE OF GIVING WITH A SPIRIT LARGE AND FREE. THAT OUR SELVES AND ALL  
OUR LIVING, WE MAY OFFER FAITHFULLY.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
**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.**

### **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the  
knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ : and the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

### **Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen CP 220**

Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
Tell it with a joyful voice.  
Christ has burst the three days' prison;  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free;  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow.  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
All his woes are over now;  
And the passion that he bore,  
Sin and pain can vex no more.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen!  
And hath opened heaven's gate.  
We are free from sins dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.

**The Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD! HALLELUJAH!!**

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