

# St. Matthew Anglican Church St. Thomas Anglican Church

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



## Easter 4A

*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!**

### **Crown Him With Many Crowns**

**CP 378**

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
Who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed over the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife

For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

### The Collect

O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, **SEND US OUT AS SHEPHERDS TO SEEK THE LOST, TO HEAL THE INJURED AND TO NURTURE ALL WITH GRACE AND COMPASSION; THROUGH JESUS, WHO CALLS EACH BY NAME. AMEN.**

### Song of Praise - 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.***

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

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

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading: Katherine and Tyson**

**Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to us today: **WITH YOUR HELP, O LORD, WE WILL LISTEN AND LIVE!**

### Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**2 YOU MAKE ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES AND LEAD ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.**

3 You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**4 THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I SHALL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.**

**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: Dick and Mary Lee**

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

A reading from the first book of Peter,

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the

cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to us today: **WITH YOUR HELP, O LORD, WE WILL LISTEN AND LIVE!**

**Gradual: Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness CP 447**

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:  
You have spoken--we rejoice:  
Words of love and life and freedom--  
Help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration  
For your Word we worship you;  
Spoken, written, known in Jesus,  
Ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,  
By your Spirit taught and led;  
May the springs of all our being  
By your Living Word be fed;  
May our hearts accept with meekness  
All the grace your light makes known;  
May obedience mark our footsteps  
Till we make each word our own!

**Gospel: Rev. David Koe**

**John 10:1-10**

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.**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

**Gradual: Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness****CP 447**

You have spoken--yours the fullness,  
 Ours the wealth of this your Word:  
 Debtors, then, as living letters  
 We must make our Gospel heard!  
 By your Spirit's power transform us;  
 Shed your saving Light abroad  
 Till our lives by love in action  
 Show our world the truth of God!

**Devotional***(pause for reflections)***Fr. Allen Doerksen****Affirming the Christian Story****Philippians 2:6-11**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

**THOUGH HE WAS DIVINE**

**HE DID NOT CLING TO EQUALITY WITH GOD,  
 BUT MADE HIMSELF NOTHING.**

**TAKING THE FORM OF A SLAVE, HE WAS BORN IN HUMAN LIKENESS.**

**HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF AND WAS OBEDIENT TO DEATH,  
 EVEN DEATH ON THE CROSS.**

**THEREFORE GOD HAS RAISED HIM ON HIGH,**

**AND GIVEN HIM THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME:**

**THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS, EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW,**

**AND EVERY VOICE PROCLAIM THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,  
 TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER. AMEN.**

**Prayers of the People****Francis McRae****Anthem: "He Giveth More Grace"****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.**

**God, My Hope On You Is Founded CP 529**

God, my hope on you is founded;  
You my faith and trust renew;  
Through all change and chance you guide me,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone,  
Call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown, betray our trust;  
Though with care and toil we build them,  
Tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

Daily does Almighty Giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand, love takes stand,  
Joy awaits God's sure command.

God's great goodness lasts forever,  
Deepest wisdom, passing thought;  
Splendour, light and life attending,  
Beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store  
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ, the Son.  
Christ, you call one and all:  
Those who follow shall not fall.

**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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