

Wednesday Morning Payer | Eastertide

Opening

O God, we arise to meet you this morning.

We come in search of you, O Christ.

We come on this, the eighth day of the week.

For today we are a New Creation.

Like Mary, we thought we saw the gardener

But we know we've seen our maker walking with us.

In the lives of friend and stranger,

In the broken bread shared, and on the road

Christ is present and made known to us.

Our maker walks with us.

For now is the cool of the day.

And we welcome your New Creation, O Christ.

Bell x3

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever. **Amen.**

Poem: "Watered" by Sarah Are

Every plant needs three things to grow: Soil, light, and water.
I wish I could be so simple.
I need a space to belong, and space to plant roots. I need stars to wonder at And
sunsets to make me feel small.
I need hands to hold, And another heartbeat to fall in rhythm with.
I need music like I need air, And air that smells like trees.
I need food that tastes like home, And a home that feels like Sabbath.
I need a place at the table, And a table to remind me of my Place in this world.
So water me with the stories of Jesus.
Cover me in hope, which looks like light, And bury me in the promise that love is
stronger than death. For with those three things, I am sure to bloom.
Maybe it is just that simple.

Gratitude

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for signs of New Creation, saying "We thank
you, God."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, God.

For our daily food, for our homes and families, for community and friends,

We thank you, God.

For minds to think and hearts to love,

We thank you, God.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, God.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, God.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

We thank you, God.

I invite your spoken or silent prayers of gratitude...

[together we say] **We thank you, God.**

For (. . . and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

We thank you, God.

The Psalm

... at the end of the Psalm:

Glory to you Source of All Being

Eternal Word and Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
world without end, Amen.**

The Gospel

Bell | Silence | Bell

Following the silence, a time of sharing around how we are called by God's Spirit through the ancient words of scripture.

Our Intercessions

Our spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.

Collect for Tuesday of Easter Week

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Christ, may abide in Christ's presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

As beloved children of a loving Parent

– we are bold to pray:

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

“Emmaus Blessing” by Jan Richardson

Already a blessing **in the walking**;
already a blessing **on the road**;
already a blessing **drawing near**;
already a blessing **in the listening**;
already a blessing **in the burning hearts**;
already a blessing **in the almost evening**;
already a blessing **in the staying**;
already a blessing **at the table**;
already a blessing **in the bread**;
already a blessing **in the breaking**;
already a blessing **finally known**;
already a blessing **give us eyes**
already a blessing **let us see**.

And may the Blessing of God...

Bell x3