

Opening Responses

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us praise our God

who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be God: **Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.**

Blessed be God for ever.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before their presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord themself is God; *

they themself has made us, and we are theirs;

we are their people and the sheep of their pasture.

Enter their gates with thanksgiving;

go into their courts with praise; *

give thanks to them and call upon their name.

For the Lord is good;

their mercy is everlasting; *

and their faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

...

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

Response of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

May we live as those who believe in the empty tomb.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

May isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings in silence or aloud.

Holy God, send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people, that we may bear faithful witness to your resurrection.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ’s undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts’ longings for the healing of our suffering world. Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. **Amen.**¹

¹ Richard Rohr, 2022

The Lord's Prayer (paraphrase by Lynn Mills)

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray,

Our Creator, ground of all being, holy is your name.

May your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us.²

May your will be done, throughout all your creation.

Give us today what we need for *this* day.

Forgive us our failings and shortcomings,

and help us to forgive those who have harmed us.

Save us from trials too hard for us and deliver us from evil.

May you reign in the kingdom, the power,

and the glory of your love, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the Risen Christ fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

² A few ancient authorities read "Your Holy Spirit come upon us and cleanse us" rather than "May your Kingdom come."