

# Morning Prayer

## May 3rd

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus says, I am the gate'  
Come and be loved  
Come, and receive peace,  
Come, and find life

We have come together in the name  
of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service  
of God.

### Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and  
turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence  
and faith.

**Lord God,**  
**we have sinned against you;**  
**we have done evil in your sight.**  
**We are sorry and repent.**  
**Have mercy on us according to**  
**your love.**  
**Wash away our wrongdoing and**  
**cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Renew a right spirit within us**  
**and restore us to the joy of your**  
**salvation; through Jesus Christ our**  
**Lord. Amen.**

### Absolution

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of**  
**our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise**  
**our God.**

### Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.  
*And I will trust in You alone,*  
*And I will trust in You alone,*  
*For Your endless mercy follows*  
*me,*  
*Your goodness will lead me*  
*home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.  
*And I will trust in You alone..*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and  
staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.  
*And I will trust in You alone..*

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### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

### *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 for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### **John Chapter 10:1-10**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

### **Intercessions are offered.**

*The response to:* Lord in your Mercy

*Is:* **Hear our Prayer**

*Intercessions conclude with:*

**Merciful father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Risen Christ, Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep,  
Teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
That all your people may be gathered into one flock, To the glory of God the Father,  
**Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

***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  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **Notices**

### **Hymn (Lead by The Choir)**

- 1. God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*
- 2. God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*
- 3. God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unfailing round you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*
- 4. God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
Smite death's threat'ning wave before  
you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

### **The Blessing**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**