

Home Service for Easter

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
As we rejoice in the gift of this day, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set out hearts on fire with love for you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.
Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set out sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Psalm and Bible Readings appointed

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.
Where, O death, is your sting?
We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.
Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Prayers of Intercession

For the day and its tasks...

For the world and its needs...

For the Church and her life...

For our villages and their people...

God of life, who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven...

The Lord is my strength and my song: he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
He has become my salvation.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is my strength and my song: he has become my salvation.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.