

# A Simple form of Morning Prayer during Easter

St Peter's Church, Carmarthen

## 1. THE INTRODUCTION

O Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen indeed.  
**O come, let us worship. Alleluia.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the coming day.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## 2. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### **Psalmody**

*Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now :  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Biblical reading**

*Before the reading*

A reading from ...

*After the reading*

Here ends the reading.

*A short period of silence for reflection on the reading.*

### **The Gospel Canticle: Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen from the dead;  
by his death he has trampled down death, and through the grave  
all life has been set free. Alleluia.**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel :  
for he has come to his people and set them free.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour :  
born of the house of his servant David.

<sup>3</sup>Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies :  
from the hands of all who hate us.

<sup>4</sup>To show mercy to our forebears :

and to remember his holy covenant.

<sup>5</sup>This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham :  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

<sup>6</sup>Free to worship him without fear :  
holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.

<sup>7</sup>And you, child, shall be called  
the prophet of the Most High :  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

<sup>8</sup>To give his people knowledge of salvation :  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

<sup>9</sup>In the tender compassion of our God :  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>10</sup>To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now :  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen from the dead;  
by his death he has trampled down death, and through the grave  
all life has been set free. Alleluia**

### 3 THE PRAYERS

*At Morning Prayer, prayers are offered for the day and its tasks, for the world and its needs and for the Church and its life.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

*The Collect of the Day is said.*

*The second collect, for peace.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life,  
to serve you is perfect freedom:  
defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The third collect, for grace.*

O Lord and heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you for bringing us safely  
to the beginning of this new day:  
defend us by your mighty power  
that we may be kept free from all sin  
and safe from every danger;  
and enable us in everything  
to do only what is right in your eyes;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 4 THE CONCLUSION

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of sternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord Alleluia Alleluia.

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