

PRAYER IN THE HOME
SUNDAY 12 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

INTROIT [*This joyful Eastertide*](#), trad. arranged Charles Wood

GATHERING

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us light a candle to remember that God's light shines
in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

**May the light of Christ, rising in glory
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open
all desires as known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Easter Day

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your church with faith and hope,
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PSALM 111

¹ Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

SONG [10,000 Reasons](#) by Matt Redman

BIBLE READING Matthew 28.1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON by [Rev Ann Brodie \(audio\)](#)

or

ALL AGE TALK by [Rev Richard Taylor \(video\)](#)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to God
who raised Jesus from the dead,
conquering death and darkness.
We pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food,
work, or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine
may cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat
brings new hope and a new future
fill us with his new life;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with us and remain us,
this Eastertide and always.
Amen

VOLUNTARY [*Toccata in G major*](#) by Theodore Dubois