

## **Sunday Morning Daily Office, A Prayer Book for Australia p.383**

*May be used every morning throughout Easter Season*

### **1 Opening Sentences**

This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

### **2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite)**

O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice: 'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

'When your forebears tested me: put me to proof though they had seen my works.

'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said: "It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways";

'Of whom I swore in my wrath: "They shall never enter my rest."' (*Psalms 95*)

### **3 The Opening Prayer**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. *Silence may be 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.

*A pause for self-examination.*

## ***The Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness***

Loving God, in our need for forgiveness, we bring to you our failures and wrongdoings, asking for your forgiveness. (*Silence as we bring our sins before God*).....

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayers and will be faithful to your promise to answer us, to forgive where regret is real, and to strengthen us to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### ***4 Psalm***

#### ***5 The Psalm Collect***

Lord God, whose blessed Son rose in triumph and set us free: grant us the fullness of life he promised us, that through the Holy Spirit our hearts may possess him whom our eyes cannot see, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***6 Reading***

*The Reader finishes with:*

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

#### ***7 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)***

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear: holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

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

To give his people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68–79*

### **8 *The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there 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.

### **9 *The Prayers***

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

### **10 *The Collect of the Day (A Collect for Easter Season)***

God of joy and transformation,  
you arise to shake the earth.

Open our graves so that all that has been buried  
may be freed and forgiven, and our lives may return to you  
through the risen Christ. **Amen.**

### **11 *Intercessions and Thanksgivings using the following or another format***

We pray for those who:

Have made the news headlines today because of what they have done or said.....

Have been brought to our attention through a meeting or conversation ...

Are in hospital, in care, or in a place which is strange to them.....

Finding this time of Coronavirus restriction difficult....

Whose family, marriage or close relationship, there is stress or a break-up ...

Are waiting for a birth, or a death, a diagnosis or news which will affect their lives ...

Need to forget the God they do not believe in and meet the God who believes in them ...

Whose pain or potential we should not forget to share with God today....

And we give thanks for those who have gone before us, showing us the way into life eternal.

### ***12 The Morning Collect***

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***13 The Benediction***

The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Let us praise the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

### ***Easter Season Year A Tuesdays Joining in Spirit. Readings***

***21<sup>st</sup> April Psalm 121. Matthew 28:11-20***

***28<sup>th</sup> April. Psalm 140, John 9:13-23***

***5<sup>th</sup> May. Psalm 105:1-22. John 11:17-37***

***12<sup>th</sup> May. Psalm 33, John 12:34-43***

***19<sup>th</sup> May. Psalm 45, John 14:18-31***

***26<sup>th</sup> May Psalm 65, John 16:25- 17:51***

*(For Pentecost Season, we will follow the set Tuesday Morning Prayer)*