

Preparation

- Consider and set your “prayer space”
 - If you are praying alone, consider finding a quiet, prayerful space. If you are praying with your family or other members of a household, consider gathering around a coffee table or dining table.
 - Add optional items that may enhance your prayer if you desire: a small table with a purple cloth, a lit candle, a cross, holy images or statues.
 - You may want to have a journal available to write down reflections or words as you pray.
 - Lighting affects our mood. Consider dimming the lights or using a lamp instead of bright overheads.
- If you are praying in a group, you may want to assign parts to read along with the livestream. This is a great way to keep children engaged. You may want to consider splitting your “group” in half and alternating reading aloud each paragraph.
- Silence cell phones or tend to things that have the potential to disrupt your prayer time.

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Gathering We take a few moments to quiet our hearts.

Introduction

[All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader begins.]

Leader: God, + come to our assistance.

ALL: Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

Hymn

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely you bled, for us

**Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with him again
Come awake, come awake
Come and rise up from the grave**

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bow to none but heavens will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold you down
In strength you reign
Forever let your church proclaim

Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Oh death! Where is your sting?
Oh hell! Where is your victory?
Oh Church! Come stand in the light!
Our God is not dead! He's alive, he's alive.

Matt Maher

Psalm 139

Leader: *The night will be clear as day, alleluia.*

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

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1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,

1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.

1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:

1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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Left Already you know my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Right Your eyes saw all my actions,
they were all of them written in your book;
every one of my days was decreed
before one of them came into being.

Left To me, how mysterious your thoughts,
the sum of them not to be numbered!
If I count them, they are more than the sand;
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

Right O search me, God, and know my heart.
 O test me and know my thoughts.
 See that I follow not the wrong path
 and lead me in the path of the eternal.

Left Glory to the Father and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:

**All as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

All The night will be clear as day, alleluia.

Psalm-prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, when you descended among the dead, you brought them the light of day; when you ascended into heaven, you brought it new radiance. May you remain with us and lead us along the paths of life until we come to rest with your friends in your holy dwelling place. In your name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Canticle Colossians 1: Christ the firstborn of all creation and firstborn from the dead

Leader: *His glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the earth, alleluia.*

Let us give thanks to the Father
for having made you worthy
to share the lot of the saints
in light.

He rescued us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Through him we have redemption,
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the first-born of all creatures.
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,
things visible and invisible.

All were created through him;
all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.
In him everything continues in being.

It is he who is head of the body, the church;
he who is the beginning,
the first-born of the dead,
so that primacy may be his in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,
both on earth and in the heavens,
making peace through the blood of his cross.

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
***ALL: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.***

ALL: His glory covers the heavens and his praise fills the earth, alleluia.

Reading Hebrews 7: 24-27

Jesus, because he remains *forever*, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because Jesus Christ our Lord has done this once and for all by offering himself.

Reflection

Short Responsory

Leader: The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.
ALL: The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: They saw the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

ALL: The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

ALL: The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle Magnificat: My soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: *God sent his Son into the world not as its judge but as its savior, alleluia!*

**I will lift my voice, I will raise my hands
To the one who is the great I am!
My soul proclaims the greatness of His name,
And my spirit will rejoice in God my Savior!**

He has looked upon me in His love,
And my name will be forever blessed.
For the Lord, who is mighty, has done great things for me
My soul proclaims, "Holy is His name!"

His mercy flows on every generation
On those who follow in fear
He has scattered the proud and cast the mighty from their thrones
The meek and the lowly are exalted!

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he sends away.
He has given help to Israel, remembering his mercy!

ALL: God sent his Son into the world not as its judge but as its savior, alleluia!

Prayers and intercessions

Leader: Christ rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Let us pray to him, saying:

ALL: Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, remember all who minister in your service,
may their holy lives be an example to your people.

ALL: Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

Leader: Give to those who govern us the spirit of justice and peace,
so that the human family may live in harmony.

ALL: Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide our days in the way of salvation,
and fill the earth with your plenty for the sake of the needy.

ALL: Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

Leader: Christ our Savior, light of the world, you have called creation from death to life,
may your light shine forever on our departed brothers and sisters.

ALL: Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

Leader: For what else shall we pray? (Type your intentions in the comments section.)
And for these, we pray,

ALL: Lord Jesus, you live forever; hear our prayer.

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.

Prayer

Leader: God our Father,
Life of the faithful,
Glory of the humble,
Happiness of the just,
Hear our prayer.
Fill our emptiness
With the blessing of the eucharist,
The foretaste of eternal joy.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.