

Evening Prayer - Sunday and daily in Eastertide

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

A light, which may be the Paschal Candle, is brought in, or a candle may simply be lit.

You, O Lord, are my lamp; you turn darkness into light.

The light of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessèd are you,

God our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever!

[You led your people to freedom

by a pillar of cloud by day

and a pillar of fire by night.]

May we who walk in the light of your presence

acclaim your Christ, rising victorious,

as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds,

and praise you,

Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life:

Blessèd be God for ever!

While the other candles are lit the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.

A SONG OF THE LIGHT

- 1 **O gladsome light, O grace
 Of God the Father's face,
 The eternal splendour wearing;
 Celestial, holy, blest,
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 Joyful in your appearing.**
- 2 **As day fades into night,
 We see the evening light,
 Our hymn of praise outpouring:
 Father of might unknown,
 Christ, God's incarnate Son,
 and Holy Spirit, adoring.**
- 3 **To you of right belongs
 All praise of holy songs,
 O Son of God, Lifegiver;
 You, therefore, O Most High,
 The world will glorify,
 And shall exalt for ever.**

Verses from PSALM 141 may be said:

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,

and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God,
in you I take refuge;
do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

THE OPENING PRAYER may be said:

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ka mea a Ihu, “Ko ahau te aranga me te ora; ko ia
e whakapono ana ki ahau, ahakoa kua mate, e ora anō;
e kore anō e mate ake ake ake ngā tāngata katoa e ora
ana, e whakapono ana ki ahau.”

Hoani 11.25

E te Ariki, i te mea kua ara nei koe
Kua turakina te mate
Meinga ma tōu kaha me te mana o tōu aranga
Mātou ka toa ai, ki ngā whakamātauranga katoa
Kia ū tonu ki a koe
I roto i ngā wā o te hē
Kia tae rawa mātou
Ki te rangatiratanga mutunga kore
Kei reira nei koe, e kīngi tahi na
Me te Matua, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

THE WORD OF GOD

*the Psalm(s) - the following may be used, those in the Lectionary, or those
in the Alternate Table of Psalms*

Week 1 & Sundays in Eastertide — from Psalm 104

- 1 Praise the Lord O my soul:
 O Lord my God you are great indeed,
 you are clothed in majesty and splendour.
- 2 You cover yourself with light
 as it were with a garment:
 you have spread out the heavens like a tent.
- 3 You laid out the beams of your dwelling
 on the waters above:
 you make the clouds your chariot,
 and ride upon the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers:
 and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You fixed the earth on its foundations:
 so that it can never be shaken.

- 9 You set the limits which they may not pass:
lest they should return to cover the earth.
- 10 You cause springs to gush forth in the valleys:
their waters flow between the hills.
- 11 They give drink to the beasts of the field:
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 The birds make their nests
in the trees along their banks:
and sing among the branches.
- 13 From your dwelling on high you water the hills:
the earth is filled with the fruits of your bounty.
- 14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle:
and plants for us to cultivate,
- 15 that we may bring out food from the earth:
and wine to gladden our heart,
- 16 oil to give us a shining face:
and bread to give us strength.
- 20 You created the moon to mark the seasons:
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night:
when all the beasts of the forest creep out.
- 24 The labourer goes out to work:
and will toil until the evening.
- 25 O Lord how manifold are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 There is the great and mighty sea:
which teems with living things
both great and small.
- 28 All these look to you:
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 What you give them they gather up:
when you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.
- 30 But when you hide your face they are dismayed:
when you take away their breath they die,
and return to the dust they came from.
- 31 When you send out your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May your glory O Lord endure for ever:
may you rejoice O Lord in your works.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May my meditation please the Lord:
as I show my joy in God.
- 36 Bless the Lord O my soul:
Whakamoemitia a Ihowa. / O praise the Lord.

*God,
you are our beginning and you will be our end;
we are made in your image and likeness.
We praise and thank you for this day.*

*This is the day on which you created light
and saw that it was good.
This is the day in whose early morning light
we discovered the tomb was empty,
and encountered Christ, the world's true light.
For us your acts are gracious
and your love endures for ever. Amen.*

Week 2 and Mondays in Eastertide

— from Psalm 115

- 1 Not to us O Lord not to us,
 but to your name give the glory:
 because of your love and your faithfulness,
- 2 lest the nations should ask:
 'And where then is their God?'
- 3 You O God are in heaven:
 you do whatever you will.
- 4 As for their idols, they are silver and gold:
 the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths that cannot speak:
 and eyes that cannot see.
- 8 Those who make idols grow to be like them:
 and so do all who put their trust in them.
- 11 You that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord:
 God is your help and your shield.
- 12 The Lord has remembered us, and will bless us:
 the Lord will bless the house of Israel,
 the Lord will bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 You Lord will bless those who fear you:
 the little no less than the great.
- 14 May the Lord increase you more and more:
 both you and your children after you.
- 15 May you be blessed by the Lord:
 the Lord who made heaven and earth.
- 16 The heavens belong to the Lord:
 but the earth has been given to humankind.
- 17 It is not the dead who praise the Lord:
 nor do those who go down into silence.
- 18 But we the living bless the Lord:
 now and for ever.
 Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. / O praise the Lord.

*Eternal God,
grant to us this day and every day
such readiness and delight in following Christ,
that whether our lives are short or long
we shall have lived abundantly. Amen.*

Week 3 & Tuesdays in Eastertide — from Psalm 105

- 1 Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord:
 make known to the nations what God has done.
- 5 Remember the marvellous things
 the Most High has done:

the wonders, and the judgments God has given,
23 Then Israel came into Egypt:
 Jacob settled in the land of Ham.
24 There, Lord, you made your people fruitful:
 and they became stronger than their enemies,
25 whose hearts you turned
 to hatred of your people:
 and to deceitful dealing with your servants.
26 Then you sent Moses your servant:
 and Aaron whom you had chosen.
27 They performed your signs among them:
 and your wonders in the land of Ham.
28 You sent darkness, and all was dark:
 but they would not obey your word.
29 You turned their waters into blood:
 and caused their fish to die.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs:
 yes, even in the rooms of the palace.
31 You commanded,
 and there rose up clouds of flies:
 and gnats throughout all their country.
32 You gave them hail for rain:
 and lightning flashed over their land.
33 You struck their vines and their fig-trees:
 and shattered the trees within their borders.
34 You gave the word,
 and grasshoppers came,
 and locusts innumerable:
 they ate up everything green in the land,
 and devoured all produce of the soil.
35 You struck down all the first-born in the land:
 the first-fruits of their virility.
36 You led Israel out, with spoil of silver and gold:
 among the tribes not one person fell behind.
37 The Egyptians were glad when they went:
 for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.
38 You O Lord spread out a cloud as a screen:
 and fire to give light at night.
39 The people asked, and you sent them quails:
 and you filled them with bread from heaven.
40 You opened a rock and water gushed out:
 it flowed like a river through the arid land.
41 For you remembered your sacred promise:
 which you had made to Abraham your servant.
42 So you led out your people rejoicing:
 your chosen ones with songs of gladness.
43 You gave them the lands of the heathen:
 and they took possession
 where others had toiled,
44 so that they might keep your statutes
 and obey your laws:

Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. / O praise the Lord.

*Jesus, our friend and Redeemer,
on the first Easter Day you stood among your disciples
as the conqueror of sin and death,
and spoke to them of your peace:
Come to us in your risen power
and make us glad with your presence;
and so breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may be strong to serve you,
for the glory of your great name. Amen.*

Week 4 & Wednesdays in Eastertide — Psalm 114

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt:
the house of Jacob
from among a people of an alien tongue,
- 2 Judah became the Lord's temple:
and Israel became God's kingdom.
- 3 The sea fled at the sight of it:
and Jordan turned back in its course.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams:
and the hills like yearling sheep.
- 5 Why was it that you fled O sea:
and you Jordan that you turned back,
- 6 you mountains that you skipped like rams:
and you hills like yearling sheep?
- 7 Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a gushing spring.

*God of peace,
by the blood of the eternal covenant
you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep;
make us perfect in every good work,
and work in us that which is pleasing and good;
through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Week 5 & Thursdays in Eastertide — from Psalm 136

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, who is gracious,
give thanks to the God of gods:
give thanks to the Lord of lords,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu. /
God's love endures for ever.
- 2 The Lord alone does great wonders,
the Lord by wisdom made the heavens:
the Lord spread out the earth above the waters,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu. /
God's love endures for ever.
- 3 The Lord made the great lights,
the sun to rule over the day:
the moon and the stars to govern the night:
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu. /
God's love endures for ever.

- 4 The Lord struck down the first-born of Egypt,
and brought Israel out from among them:
with a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu. /
God's love endures for ever.
- 5 The Lord divided the Red Sea in two,
and made Israel go through the midst of it:
but as for Pharaoh and his host,
the Lord flung them into the sea,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu. /
God's love endures for ever.
- 6 The Lord led the people through the desert,
the Lord overthrew mighty kingdoms:
and struck down famous kings,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu, /
God's love endures for ever.
- 7 The Lord gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to Israel God's servant:
the Lord remembered us
when we were in trouble,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu, /
God's love endures for ever.
- 8 The Lord rescued us from our foes,
and gives food to all things that live:
Give thanks to the God of heaven,
he mau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu. /
God's love endures for ever.

*Holy God, you feed us
with earthly and with spiritual food.
Deathless, unalterable, you have chosen us,
sinful as we are,
to hear your word and to proclaim your truth.
Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth;
make us yeast in the loaf. Amen.*

Week 6 & Fridays in Eastertide — from Psalm 107

- 1 'O give thanks, for the Lord is gracious:
God's steadfast love endures for ever.'
- 2 So let the people say
whom the Lord has redeemed:
whom the Lord has redeemed
from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 and gathered out of the lands,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some went astray in the desert wastes:
and found no way to a city
where they could dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty:
and their soul was fainting within them.
- 6 Then they cried to you O Lord in their trouble:
and you rescued them from their distress.
- 7 You led them by a straight path:

- until they came to a city where they could live.
- 8 Let them thank you O Lord
for your steadfast love:
for the wonders that you do for us.
- 9 For you satisfy the thirsty:
and fill the hungry with good things.
- 10 Some lay in darkness and gloom:
prisoners fast bound in fetters of iron,
- 11 because they had defied the words of the Lord:
and spurned the counsel of God most high.
- 12 So their hearts were subdued by hard labour:
they stumbled with no one to help them.
- 13 Then they cried to you O Lord in their trouble:
and you rescued them from their distress.
- 14 You brought them out of darkness and gloom:
and broke their fetters in pieces.
- 15 Let them thank you O Lord
for your steadfast love:
for the wonders that you do for us.
- 16 For you break open doors of bronze:
and smash the bars of iron.
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships:
and ply their trade on great waters,
- 24 they have seen your works O Lord:
and the wonders you do in the deep.
- 25 At your command the stormy wind arose:
and lifted up the waves.
- 26 They were carried up to the sky,
and down again to the depths:
their courage melted away in their peril.
- 27 They reeled to and fro, and staggered
as if drunken:
their seafaring skill was utterly without avail.
- 28 Then they cried to you O Lord in their trouble:
and you rescued them from their distress.
- 29 You made the storm be still:
and the roaring waves were hushed.
- 30 Then they were glad because it was calm:
and so you brought them to the harbour
where they had longed to be.
- 31 Let them thank you O Lord
for your steadfast love:
for the wonders that you do for us.
- 32 Let them extol you in the assembly of the people:
and praise you in the council of elders.

*Jesus our guide, we journey in faith to resurrection,
through failure, through success,
through whatever lies ahead;
for you are the way, and life. Amen.*

Week 7 & Saturdays in Eastertide — from Psalm 116

- 1 I love you O Lord because you heard my voice:
when I made my supplication,
- 2 because you turned your ear to me:
when I called upon your name.
- 3 The cords of death entangled me,
and the grip of Sheol laid hold on me:
distress and anguish descended upon me.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'Deliver me O Lord I beseech you.'
- 5 Gracious is the Lord and righteous:
truly our God is a God of compassion.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simplehearted:
when I was brought low the Lord saved me.
- 7 Be at rest once more O my soul:
for the Lord has treated you kindly.
- 8 The Lord has saved me from death:
and kept my eyes from
tears and my feet from stumbling,
- 9 so that I may walk in the presence of the Lord:
in the land of the living.
- 11 How can I repay you O Lord:
for all the good things you have done to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call on the name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all God's people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of a faithful servant.
- 15 Lord I am your servant,
the son of your maidservant:
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 16 I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call on the name of the Lord.
- 18 in the courts of the Lord's house:
in your midst O Jerusalem.
Whakamoemitia a Ihowa. / O praise the Lord.

*Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
keep us under the protection of your good providence,
and help us continually
to revere and love your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

If there are two Scripture Readings, the first may be read before the OT Canticle, or both may be read after it.

Either: THE SONG OF TOBIT

- 1 Blessèd be God who lives for ever:
blessèd be God who rules over all.
- 2 We give thanks to you O Lord before the nations:
for you have scattered us among them.
- 3 There we make your greatness known:
and exalt you in the presence of all the living,

- 4 because you are the Lord our God:
you are our Father for ever.
- 5 When we turn to you with all our heart and soul:
to do what is true before you,
- 6 then you will turn to us:
and hide your face from us no longer.
- 7 Consider now the deeds
that God has done for you:
and give thanks to God with full voice.
- 8 Praise the Lord of righteousness:
and exalt the ruler of the ages.

Tobit 13.1,3,4,6

Glory to . . .

Or: THE SONG OF MOSES

- 1 I will sing to the Lord,
for the Lord has triumphed gloriously:
the horse and its rider
have been thrown into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.
- 3 This is my God, whom I will praise:
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
- 4 Who is like you O Lord among the gods:
who is like you majestic in holiness?
- 5 Who is like you O Lord among the gods:
terrible in glorious deeds and doing wonders?
- 6 In your unending love you will lead
the people you have redeemed:
in your strength you will
guide them to your holy dwelling.
- 7 You will bring them in and plant them
on the mountain of your inheritance:
the place O Lord that
you have made for your dwelling,
- 8 the sanctuary O Lord
that your hands have established:
you Lord will reign for ever and ever.

Exodus 15.1, 2, 11, 13, 17

Glory to . . .

Or Song of Praise E. THE SONG OF SIMEON - NUNC DIMITTIS

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

The Short Scripture Reading may be used, or those from the lectionary, either is followed by the Responsary, or

This RESPONSE to the reading may be used:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

The Lord is the strength of my life.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: THE MAGNIFICAT

Refrain:

Yours is the day, O Lord, and yours is the night;*

let Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,

abide in our hearts for ever.

Or, in Eastertide:

**Alleluia! Mary of Magdala said to the disciples,
I have seen the Lord!***

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Or, on feasts of Group Commemorations:

**Look on those who revere you, O God,*
on those who trust in your merciful love.**

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my saviour,
- 2 for you Lord have looked with favour
on your lowly servant:
and from this day all generations will call me
blessèd.
- 3 You O Most Mighty have done great things for
me:
and holy is your name.
- 4 You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.
- 5 You have shown the strength of your arm:
you have scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 You have cast down the mighty from their
thrones:
and have lifted up the lowly.
- 7 You have filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich you have sent away empty.
- 8 You have come to the help of your people:
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
- 9 the promise you made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God: Source of all being,
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Or

**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 refrain is repeated after the canticle.

THE PRAYERS

Intercession and Thanksgiving are offered in free prayer or in silence, ending with the following, [or some other appropriate litany or prayer]:

To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes;
to you, enthroned in the heavens.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Let our cry come before you, O Lord;
grant us understanding, according to your word.

Christ, have mercy. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

Let your merciful goodness come to us, O Lord;
and your salvation, according to your promise.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Satisfy those who thirst,
and fill the hungry with good things.

Christ, have mercy. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

Your kingship has dominion over all,
and with you is our redemption.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

THE COLLECT for the day, or for Sundays

Loving creator of all,
watch over us this night
and keep us in the light of your presence.
May our praise continually blend
with the song of all creation,
until we come to those eternal joys
which you promise in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour . . .

The Collect for Eastertide

Almighty God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you overcame death and opened for us
the gate of everlasting life;
grant us to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer follows

Rejoicing in God's new creation
and as Christ teaches us we pray . . .

THE CONCLUSION

THE BLESSING

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

ko tenei rānei

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu,
ake ake. Āmine.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Or, in Eastertide:

May the risen Christ grant us the joy of eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!