

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer for Easter Season 2021

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We rise today like the green blades of spring
We rise today like the sun returning
We rise today in joy and love
We rise again
We rise again.

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise
And your glory all the day long.

Spring

Gratitude for the shy clothing of green
For the hazy sun
For the chorus of dawn
For the scurrying of little creatures
For the surging of hope
For the sharp showers
For the fresh smell of earth after rain
For the bursting of buds
For the rushing of the sap
For the opening of desire
For the pilgrim setting forth again

Reading from Gospel

Meditation

Response

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his Son into the world so
that we might live through him.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Please add your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession to the Facebook stream.

Prayers

O God who is always near, grant us wisdom and courage. Help us to hold firm to our own health and that of our neighbors as our impatience to resume life as we knew it grows. Assist us in our decision-making, as more of us are vaccinated. Above all, help us to see clearly how to rectify the injustice laid bare by the pandemic.

We pray for renewal of strength and courage for the weary workers who have spent so many months caring for the sick. We give thanks for their sacrificial efforts. Help us to honor their work by our choices, our policies, and our planning for the future.

We pray for insight and imagination, so we can see clearly what must change for us. Help us to forge a new path that will lead our world away from the love of power, and toward your kingdom.

We pray for those whose days feel empty and without purpose. As we learn new ways to connect, remind us to broaden our circle of attention and care.

God of Easter, who brings life from death; we pray for those who are ill; for those whose treatment has been interrupted; for those who are dying, and for those who have died. Grant healing where possible, and comfort for those who grieve.

Infuse us, God of love, with the courage to change, with love for our neighbors, and with the grace to forgive ourselves and one another when we are frustrated and impatient. Help us to find our best, most resilient, kindest selves.

God, hear the prayers unspoken that are lodged in our hearts. Help us to trust that resurrection is your agenda and love is the path we walk on. We pray because of Jesus, whom death could not contain. Amen.

Blessing (*Teresa of Avila*)

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion cares for the people of the world ;
Yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands through which Christ now brings a blessing.

**So I promise this day
To keep awake,
To live each moment to the full,
To look with eyes of compassion,
And to act with kindness.**

May the God who is always creating the world anew
Grant you strength, fill you with joy, and walk beside you to sustain you in peace. **Amen.**