



— THE —  
**TABLE**

## Evening Prayer for Table Groups Eastertide 2020

---

*The gathering place is darkened. A central candle may be used with any other number of candles. When the candles are lit, the Candlelighter greets the people.*

### Greeting

*Candlelighter:* Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Candlelighter reads one of the following short lessons:*

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - *John 8:12*

### Prayer for Light

*Candlelighter:* Let us pray.

*The Candlelighter reads the following prayer.*

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### O Gracious Light

*All together:*

**O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

## Grace at Meals

*One of the following prayers is prayed before the meal:*

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear God, the eyes of all creation look to you and you give to us our food in due season. Open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For these and all his mercies, God's holy Name be blessed and praised, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*After the meal, the service continues:*

## The Psalms

*One or more Psalms are read, after which is said:*

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

## Scripture Reading

*A selection from Scripture is read, after which is said:*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Song of Mary *Magificat - Luke 1:46-55*

My soul magnifies the Lord, \*

**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;**

For he has regarded \*

**the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

For behold, from now on, \*

**all generations will call me blessed;**

For he that is mighty has magnified me, \*

**and holy is his Name.**

And his mercy is on those who fear him, \*

**throughout all generations.**

He has shown the strength of his arm; \*

**he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, \*

**and has exalted the humble and meek.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

**and the rich he has sent empty away.**

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, \*

**as he promised to our fathers,**

**Abraham and his seed for ever.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

## The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## 4 The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

Let us pray.

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 it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And 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.**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of The Table and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**We entreat you, O Lord.**

## The Collect of the Day *(from the previous Sunday)*

### **Easter Day** *(April 12, 2020)*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Monday of Easter Week** *(April 13, 2020)*

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be made worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Tuesday of Easter Week** *(April 14, 2020)*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Wednesday of Easter Week** *(April 15, 2020)*

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in the fullness of his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thursday of Easter Week** *(April 16, 2020)*

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth so that they may turn to the path of righteousness: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Friday of Easter Week** *(April 17, 2020)*

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in purity of life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Saturday of Easter Week** *(April 18, 2020)*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son: Grant that, as by his death he has called us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Second Sunday of Easter** *(April 19, 2020)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Third Sunday of Easter** *(April 26, 2020)*

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd)** *(May 3, 2020)*

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter** *(May 10, 2020)*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth,

and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way 7  
that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** (*May 17, 2020*)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Ascension Day** (*May 21, 2020*)

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Sunday After the Ascension** (*May 24, 2020*)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then follows:*

**A Collect For Resurrection Hope**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## 8 A Prayer for Mission

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men, women, and children everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Personal Prayer

*Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered, after each is said:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Grace *Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope **+** fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



THETABLEINDY.ORG