

Easter season *Morning Prayer* at SMB

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Easter Anthems

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ◆
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ◆
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ◆
death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all: ◆
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ◆
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9–11

6 Christ has been raised from the dead: ◆
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death: ◆
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die: ◆
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20–22

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

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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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody *The appointed psalmody from the Bible In One Year is said.*

New Testament *The New Testament reading from the BIOY is said.*

Canticle *The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

All The Lord is risen from the tomb

who for our sakes hung upon a tree. Alleluia.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ◆
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ◆
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ◆
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ◆
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ◆
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ◆
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ◆
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

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- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 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*

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

Monday: Pray for the vulnerable in our city and for our Mercy Ministries

Tuesday: for the Children and Young people of our City

Wednesday: Pray for Alpha and for people to come to faith

Thursday: For our Students and Young Adults

Friday: Pray for our Fellowship Groups and our life together as a church

Saturday: Pray for all those in need in our communities

*Sunday: Pray for the church across our city that we would work together in
unity*

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.