

4/17/24 Morning Prayer (Eastertide)

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Preparation

The Lord is here... **His Spirit is with us.**

Jesus, glorious Savior, I see you resurrected, unable to be held in the grip of the grave, immortal and yet still so vibrantly human. You are the Son of God, Lord of the living and dead, head of the church, and you have completed all your work to bring home to the Father. Revive me in grace, strengthen me in the good fight, and assure me of my own resurrection. To you be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**
(Westminster Larger Catechism, Q and A #52)

Confessions

Let us have a time of silent confession to seek God's forgiveness of our sins:

[Silence may be kept]

Gracious Father, we desire to be yours. We long to be transformed in our inner being so that sin may no longer reign over us. Teach us, O God, so to use all the circumstances of our lives to bring forth the fruits of holiness in us rather than the fruits of sin:

- **Let us use disappointment to nurture the fruit of patience.**
- **Let us use success to nurture the fruit of thankfulness.**
- **Let us use uncertainty to nurture the fruit of perseverance.**
- **Let us use danger to nurture the fruit of courage.**
- **Let us use reproach to nurture the fruit of longsuffering.**
- **Let us use praise to nurture the fruit of humility.**
- **Let us use pleasures to nurture the fruit of self-control.**
- **Let us use pain to nurture the fruit of endurance.**

Gracious Father, form your character in us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Silence may be kept]

Assurance

Let's read the promises adapted from Isaiah 55:7 –

Let us forsake our unrighteous ways and turn from our unrighteous thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Scripture Readings

Psalm: Ps 19

[Open praise/thanksgiving]

NT: Acts 9:1-8 (sermon)

[Open praise/thanksgiving]

Gospel: Luke 24:36-43

[Open praise/thanksgiving]

Response

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

Intercession

Lord Jesus, without your resurrection, our faith would be empty and without hope. But you are alive and we have hope, so by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving, we make our requests to your Father and our Father.

Specific country to lift up in prayer: Saudi Arabia (13)

Risen Lord, we pray for peace and hope among all nations and all peoples. We pray also for the leaders of these nations that you would make them agents of peace.

[Open prayer]

Risen Lord, we pray for our communities, for families and for friends, for our Jewish, Muslim & Hindu neighbors that you would soften their hearts to receive your love & truth. Local organization: Sunnyvale Community Services

[Open prayer]

Risen Lord, we pray for your universal church, and for your local church at PBCC, and all the leaders, that your people may proclaim your love, your healing and your forgiveness in all places.

PBCC missionary: Jim Ross

[Open prayer]

Risen Lord, we pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the refugees, the prisoners and all who may be in danger, that you may bring light in the midst of their darkness.

[Open prayer]

Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to your mercy and protection in the name of your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one,
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen.**