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EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER AT HOME

Sisters and brothers, ALLELUIA! - is our song on this Easter Sunday Morning.

This prayer recalls and celebrates the Resurrection of the Lord.

This version has the options of the lighting of the candle and the Easter Proclamation if you have not already done this.

These are followed by two readings from scripture, the baptismal remembrance, Intercessions and the Our Father. For this prayer you'll need a candle and a bowl of water.

Hymn options are in [blue](#) with a youtube link beside. To access, hover over the link, right click and choose 'Open link in a new tab'. In this way you will still be able to see the main text page whilst listening to the hymn.

The text in [red](#) are instruction not to be read out loud.

This is written to be adapted.



WE ARE AN
Easter people
AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG.

Opening

Leader:

Et Whanau, dear family.

On this morning we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

The day when the Church proclaims to the world:

Christ is Risen and Alleluia is our Song!

We the Church, gathered in our homes celebrate this truth.

Although we cannot gather as one Body, we are united in the one Spirit.

We keep this memorial because this is our story and our blessing.

We ask the blessing of God upon this world this night.



Optional Lighting of the Easter Candle and Easter Proclamation

if you haven't already done this at your home vigil

Let us pray: Together

Loving God, in Jesus you have given us light.

May the light of this candle dispel the darkness of this time.

May Jesus, the light of the world, bring life and light to all.

Take your candle and mark the sign of the cross in it with a sharp knife that can cut into the candle.

ALL: Christ Yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to Christ and all the ages. To you be glory and power through every age and forever.

Te Karaiti inānahi, ināiane te Tīmaganga me teo Mutunga te Ārepa me te Ōmeka. Ko ngā wā katoa nōna me ngā whakatupuranga katoa . Ki ā ia te korōria me te mana I ia whakatupuranga, ā mo āka āka. Āmene

All: May the Light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Whanau: Mā te māramatanga o te Karaiti e ara korōria nei e whakakore i te pōuritanga o ō mātou ngākau me ō mātou hinengaro.

Easter Proclamation

This version can be sung in parts or sung or recited together

Let the choirs of heaven rejoice and the divine Mysteries rejoice. Let the trumpet of salvation sound for the victory of so great a King.

Let the earth rejoice, made radiant by such splendour; and, enlightened with the brightness of the God, let it know that the whole world's darkness is scattered.

Let mother Church rejoice, adorned with the brightness of so great a light; may this people sing with loud voices: "Let God cover us and our world with light and salvation".

Oh, blessed night, you are as bright as daylight and full of joy! Oh blessed night you dispel evil, wash guilt away and restore lost innocence. You bring mourner joy, you drive our hatred, foster freedom and bring peace.

Merciful God see this candle and the world in fear and lockdown and send forth your Spirit. Let your Church reunite at the Table of your Word and Sacrament to give you thanks and truly celebrate the Liturgy of Resurrection!

Be our Morning Star, our true guide and lead us to freedom. Amen

Alternative sung Exsultet – Most Holy Night (Schutte)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m89Y98txsjE>

Refrain: Most holy night, most blessed of nights,
when Christ broke the chains of the darkness!
God's mighty love is stronger than death.
Christ our Light shines forever!



Opening Prayer

Lord God,
you made this night bright
with the radiance of the risen Christ;
may we who have been raised with him in baptism
reflect the light of his glory,
and live with him for ever.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

(Optional)

Glory to God (Alonso)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnmNz-gsFsM&list=RDvnmNz-gsFsM&start_radio=1&t=26

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and earth peace to people, people of good will.

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 10: 34. 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
"You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted
that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the
dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118

This Day was made by the Lord (Walker) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpoFJEeUcQE>

**Refrain This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation.**

Cantor I thank you, your love is eternal, you have given me life.

All you have given me life.

Cantor I will proclaim the wonders you do.

**Refrain This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation.**

Cantor Your hand raised me up in triumph, you have given me life.

All you have given me life.

Cantor I will proclaim the wonders you do.

**Refrain This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation.**



Cantor You are my strength and my Saviour you have given me life

All you have given me life.

Cantor I will proclaim the wonders you do.

Refrain This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad.

This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation.

Haami 118

Āreruia!

Whakawhetai ki a Ihowa; he pai hoki ia,
he pumau tonu hoki tana mahi tohu.

Kia mea a Iharaira,

He pumau tonu tana mahi tohu.

Āreruia!

Kua whakanuia te matau o Ihowa:
he maia nga mahi a te ringa matau o Ihowa.
E kore ahau e mate, engari tera ahau e ora,
hei whakapuaki i nga mahi a Ihowa.

Āreruia!

Ko te kohatu i kapea e nga kaihanganga,
kua meinga hei upoko mo te kokonga.

Na Ihowa tenei:

he mea miharo ki o tatou kanohi.

Āreruia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the
morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and
told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don’t know where they put him.”
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came
to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than
Peter

and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but
did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths
there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate
place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 Maori Bible

I te ra tuatahi o te wiki ka haere a Meri Makarini ki
te urupa i te atatu, i te mea e pouri tonu ana, a ka
kite i te kohatu kua tangohia atu i te urupa.

2 Na ka oma ia, ka haere ki a Haimona Pita raua ko
tera akonga i arohia ai a Ihu, ka mea ki a raua, Kua



tangohia e ratou te Ariki i te urupa, a kahore matou e mohio ki te wahi i waiho ai ia e ratou.

3 Na ka puta atu a Pita, me taua akonga, ka haere ki te urupa.

4 A oma ngatahi ana raua: otiia i hohoro tera akonga i a Pita, ko ia ano kua tae wawe ki te urupa.

5 Na piko iho ana ia, ka kite i nga takai rinena e takoto ana; heoi kaihai i tomo ki roto.

6 Na ka haere ano a Haimona Pita i muri i a ia, a, ko tona tomokanga ki te urupa, ka kite i nga takai rinena e takoto ana.

7 Me te tauera i takaia ai tona matenga, kihai i takoto tahi me nga takai rinena, he mea whakakopa ia ki tetahi wahi i tahaki.

8 Katahi ka tomo tera akonga, i tae wawe nei ki te urupa, kite ana, whakapono ana.

9 Kiano hoki ratou i mohio noa ki te karaipiture, kua takoto te tikanga kia ara ake ia i te hunga mate.

Memorial of Baptism

if you haven't already done this at your home vigil

For this you need a bowl of water. Place the bowl of water in a central place.

Leader or together:

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ,
God is love, God gives us life.
We love because God first loves us.
In baptism God declares that love;
in Christ God calls us to respond.

Stretch out your hands over the water

All: God of all Creation and giver of all gifts tonight we ask you to bless this water as a reminder of our baptism into the Body of Christ. May this water, blessed by your Spirit unite us to all the baptised. Amen

Recommitment of Baptismal Faith

I / We believe in one God, the Father the Son and Holy Spirit.

I / We believe that Jesus Christ is God's eternally begotten Son, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he died, and rose and is ascended into heaven.

I / We believe the holy catholic church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer

All: Lord of the Passover,
you have lit this night with the radiance of Christ.
Renew in us our baptism,
and bring us through the Red Sea waters
to the promised land;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.



Hymn

Christ be our Light (Easter) (Farrell) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_3FdJDrTYI

This is the night of new beginnings.
This is the night when heaven meets earth.
This is the night filled with God's glory, promise of our new birth!

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

This is the night Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness empty for all to see.

Now will the fire kindled in darkness
burn to dispel the shadows of night.
Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour, you are the world's true light!

Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the power stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven, dawning throughout the earth.

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Prayer of Intercession

Pray together or take a prayer each

We pray for the church throughout the world on this day of Easter. Unite us in peace and belief; strengthen our hope. E te Ariki Lord hear us

We pray for all the disciples of Jesus the Lord. Fill all Christian believers with hope in the resurrection of the dead. E te Ariki Lord hear us

We pray that we may be prophets of justice and peace in a world of fear and violence. Give your people courage to witness to the Gospel. E te Ariki Lord hear us

We pray for the leaders of the church clergy and laity; bless their leadership with wisdom and hope. E te Ariki Lord hear us

We pray for the communities in which we live that our prayers will give hope to the world, to our neighbours, workmates, and friends and those we meet on the street. E te Ariki Lord hear us

Please add your own prayers



The Lord's Prayer

Everyone prays this together

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.

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.

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĩnoi tatou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

E tō mātou Matua (sung Our Father with words)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlyK7c_Az8g

Final Prayer

Together:

Most wonderful God,
you have saved us and given us life; alleluia!
Let our song of be of Easter Joy and our words
of Easter hope; alleluia!
Renew in us our baptism,
and bring us through this time of crisis
to a time of joy and peace; alleluia.
We pray through Christ our Risen Lord.
Alleluia, Amen!

This is the day which the Lord has made. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā. Areruia, areruia, areruia.
Kia hari, kia koa tātou. Areruia, areruia, areruia



Easter Hymns

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Ely Cathedral) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uGfu4XGmFw>

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

All that is Hidden (Farrell) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMRcclF9Mdl>

Refrain All that is hidden will be made clear.
All that is dark now will be revealed.
What you have heard in the dark, proclaim in the light;
what you hear in whispers proclaim from the housetops.

Now the Green Blade Rises (Noel Nouvelet)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he comes at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen,
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

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Alleluia! Love is alive! - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQ9oAgFn718>

People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; we start a new day.
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfilment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive! Conquered the grave and defeated the night.

Alleluia! Love is alive! The Son has arisen for all. Your people sing Alleluia!

People of God, now rejoicing in Christ;
Carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the Good News of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims;
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

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