

# New Zealand Morning Prayer

## Wednesday, May 5, 2021

**The Preparation:** Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Leader:** Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**People:** Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

**Canticle:** *Christ our Passover* (read in unison)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \* but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \* death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \* the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \* by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \* so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*Leader:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service. All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture: *One of the following sentences is read.*

As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*or*

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.  
If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*or*

Love one another, for love is of God,  
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Let us pause in silence, and remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart. We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Word:**

O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
**let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**  
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;  
**and tell of your salvation from day to day.**  
We proclaim your glory to the nations,  
**your praise to the ends of the earth.**

### **Psalm 72:1-8**

**1**Give the King your justice, O God, \* and your righteousness to the King's son;  
**2**That he may rule your people righteously \* and the poor with justice.  
**3**That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness.  
**4**He shall defend the needy among the people; \* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
**5**He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* from one generation to another.  
**6**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* like showers that water the earth.  
**7**In his time shall the righteous flourish; \* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
**8**He shall rule from sea to sea, \* and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
Glory 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 Lessons**

#### **The First Reading: Romans 13:1-14**

1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; 4 for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. 6 For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is due them taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. 8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Canticle 19: A Song of the Redeemed**

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*surpassing human understanding.**  
**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \* O King of all the ages.**  
**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \* for you only are the holy One.**  
**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \* because your just and holy works have been revealed.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 8:16-25**

16 "No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. 17 For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. 18 Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away." 19 Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. 20 And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." 21 But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." 22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, 23 and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was

filling with water, and they were in danger. 24 They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

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**The Apostles' Creed:** *(read in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

The Lord be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray

**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 forever. Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
**your saving power among all peoples.**  
Renew your Church in holiness,  
**and help us to serve you with joy.**  
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
**that justice may prevail throughout the world.**  
Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Make us instruments of your peace,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

**A Collect of the Day: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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 that leads to eternal life; 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.**

**A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**For our Country**

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**Collect for Morning:**

Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Dismissal:**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

Let us go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**