

EVENING PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Gathering:

from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

**Though night still covers the earth,
and darkness the peoples;
above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.**

The nations will come to your light,
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day or by night.

**The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders.**

You will call your walls, Salvation,
and your gates, Praise.

**No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor moonlight shine upon you;
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.**

For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

**The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness has not overcome it.
The Lord is Risen! Hallelujah!**

John 1.6

Scripture

Confession:

Forgive us, Lord,
when we are rooted to the earth,
unable to see beyond the present,
blind to the glory of your presence.

**We become engrossed in what is happening now
and forget all that you yet have in store for us.**

We are so concerned with what is
immediate, temporary, and short-lived
that we leave ourselves no time
for the things that are eternal and full of your love.

**Lift up our heads,
that we may see Christ in all his glory
and all things in their true perspective.**

We ask this, with the forgiveness of our sins,
in your name. **Amen**

Affirming our Faith:

**We worship God, the Father,
who created the universe
and sustains it in love.
We adore Jesus Christ,
in whom God became a human being
and lived a life like ours.
He died on the cross,
he rose from the dead,
he reigns with the Father.
We welcome the Holy Spirit,
in whom God still comes to us.
We acknowledge one holy, catholic and apostolic church,
through which God reveals his truth and power.
We anticipate the future,
when God's creative work will be complete,
His people will share his undying life,
and the universe will resound
with undistorted praise.**

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

Intercessions

Closing Prayer:

O Christ, the master carpenter,
who at the last, through wood and nails,
purchased our whole salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for your own name's sake. **Amen.**

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Blessing:

Let all heaven burst with joy!
Let all earth resound with gladness!
Let all creation dance in celebration!
For Christ has risen; Christ, our lasting joy!
Christ has risen from the dead! **Amen**

St John of Damascus (d.749)