

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day)

5 April 2026

Collect of the Day

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned and die through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, on this glorious day, fill Your people with a holy fear at the resurrection of Your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of Your power to save. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as You once chose apostles to proclaim the resurrection, so open the mouths of Your pastors and people to declare His praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Grant that all in authority would govern according to Your will, maintaining order and curbing evil, that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, have mercy on the sick and those in any need, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, Denise, and Marilyn. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, remember Kyle Rahn. Bless him in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in repentant faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation by living as Your holy people here and now in the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith and now are comforted in Your nearer presence. We pray that You will not abandon us, but by keeping us in repentance and faith we shall participate in the final resurrection as Your people and so joyfully be in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, You have not let Your Holy One see corruption, but have raised Him in triumph from the dead, never to die again. Therefore, our hearts are glad and we rejoice, for our flesh also dwells secure. Since You have set Him at Your right hand, lead us to set His resurrection before us at all times, that His path of life and the fullness of joy in His presence may be known to us, until we come also to the eternal pleasures at His right hand, forevermore; for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Offering

O risen and glorious Lord, You have won the victory over sin, death, and the devil for us that we might live as Your redeemed people. Fill us with Your Spirit that we would recognize You and Your salvation as our greatest treasure and so willingly and gladly serve You with our whole being, offering up our whole life as a thank offering to You who have given us life already now even as we long for eternal life in glory after You raise our bodies on the Last Day. Amen.