

Easter and Pentecost Prayers, based on a model from the Community of Aidan and Hilda

¶Preparation (Psalm 24)

This earth belongs to God!

**Everything in it and all those who live on it are yours
– you made it out of the waters!**

Who may ascend to the high dwelling of God?

Whoever is clean in hand and heart, and does not cling to what is false.
*(silence in which we relinquish our grip on what is false and receive the gift of
cleansing from God)*

We seek your face, O God of Jacob!

Open up the gates, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this “king of glory”?

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle –
he is the king of glory!**

Open up the gates, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this “king of glory”?

The Lord Almighty – he is the king of glory!

Either: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Therefore let us keep the feast. Come, let us worship!

Or: Come, Holy God! **Come, Holy God,**
fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be recreated
and you will renew the face of the earth.

¶The Word (John 11 and Galatians 5)

“I am the resurrection and the life”, declares the Lord

Glory!

“Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die,” declares the Lord

You bring us the life of the world to come!

“And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!”

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace

Glory!

Patience, kindness, and goodness the Spirit brings

You bring us the life of the world to come!

Gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit,

Giving glory back to God the Three-in-One!

Another Bible Reading may follow

¶Prayers

On those whose day is drab, **Come Holy Spirit.**
On those who harbour fear, **Come Holy Spirit.**
On a parched land, **Come Holy Spirit.**

**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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Open Prayers and the Collect for the Day

Circle us Lord, **Keep pride without, keep trust within.**
Keep strife without, keep peace within.
Keep fear without, keep hope within.
Keep evil out, keep good within.
Be in our midst, O Risen One, and fill us with your Spirit. Amen.

¶Conclusion

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

People of God, go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.

Hold fast to that which is good. Help the afflicted. Honour all people.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon *us*. **Amen**