

WEDNESDAY
EVENING PRAYER
IN EASTER



THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2Corinthians 4:5-6*

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The candles at the Altar are now lighted while silence is kept.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

Phos hilaron

All O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

PSALM

The people sit

After the psalm:

All Praise to the holy and undivided trinity, one God,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Pascha nostrum

All 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Silence or a musical meditation may follow the reading.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP, p. 120

All 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he 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 PRAYERS *The people stand or kneel* Book of Common Prayer, p. 121

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant Let us pray.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES B BCP, p. 122

Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ
People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP, p. 124

Lector Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be invited at this point

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *-Ephesians 3:20, 21*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1545 Franklin Avenue, Astoria, Oregon 97103 | graceastoria.org | 503 325 4691