

# NOONDAY

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## EASTER THURSDAYS *at NOON*

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Our midweek service is an opportunity to pause in the middle of the week and praise God in a different kind of way.

We often celebrate a saint or one of our “great cloud of witnesses”. We reflect less formally and gather more spontaneously.

For this season, we’re gathering online rather than in person. While we pray that we may once again gather for Eucharist and lunch, we give thanks for these small opportunities to share in the grace of God.

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*Celebrant*      O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*          **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
*All*                **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### **Psalm 126:1-7**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The Reading**

### **The Response**

## Prayers

*Leader* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Leader* Lord, have mercy.

*All* **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.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader* In this season of resurrection, we are invited to find the renewed presence of Christ in our surroundings; therefore, let us pray, "Open our eyes; *we hope to see.*"

*Leader* We know that we are the church, O God. Your presence is not restricted to a building but is present with us in our homes. Help us to see the ways your holy church is continuing throughout the world, even as we struggle to remember it.

Open our eyes;

*People* *We hope to see.*

*Leader* We know that we are mortals, O God. You know our hearts: our love and our hatred. Our divisions and our borders. Help this, our common family by territory, these our leaders through election, and all our common needs; help us see beyond our walls and provincial thoughts to recognize your presence in every place.

Open our eyes;

*People* *We hope to see.*

*Leader* We know that all of this is your creation, O God. And yet we take your blessing and grace for granted. Help us to love one another, and all that is in your heart as if it were our own desire.

Open our eyes;

*People* *We hope to see.*

*Leader* We know the joy of community, O God. You give us compassion and order: the very means of connection and capacity for building a common life. Bring our awareness to your vision of community, that transcends boundaries and any sense of isolation.

Open our eyes;

*People*      *We hope to see.*

*Leader*      We know we are weak, O God. You know the injustice we tolerate or endure; the anger we exercise or receive; the forces of evil that encourage poverty and violence. We remember the imprisoned, the immigrant, and the isolated, remembering especially those who are choked by the coronavirus, those who treat them or pray for them, and all those suffering the anxiety this virus brings into our lives. Be with all who suffer.

Open our eyes;

*People*      *We hope to see.*

*Leader*      We trust you, O God. You revealed your truest self in Jesus and invited us to see in him the breadth of life and the agony of death without allowing that to be the story you hoped to tell. We trust in you and so entrust our dead to you. As Jesus invited Mary and Martha at the grave of Lazarus, saying "Unbind him, and let him go!" May we also unbind our dead and let them go.

Open our eyes;

*People*      *We hope to see.*

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Blessed are you, God of life, who raised his Son from the dead into new life. Receive the prayers we offer this day and grant that we may see your holiness in the world around us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*      *Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God!**



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