# HOUSEHOLD DEVOTIONS FOR EASTER

Our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ begins on Easter Sunday and continues through Eastertide – the Season of Easter. Eastertide culminates on the fiftieth day, Pentecost, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We have adapted material from the Family Prayer section of the Book of Common Prayer for these devotions that can be done alone or with members of your household.

We encourage you to make use of bells and noisemakers to remind us of the astounding joy of the resurrection — especially with younger children!

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

LEADER Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Psalm 118: 14-17, 22-24 (BCP)

- The LORD is my strength and my song; \* and has become my salvation.
- The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous; \*

the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.

- The right hand of the LORD is exalted; \*
  - the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*

and declare the works of the LORD.



- The same stone which the builders refused \* has become the chief cornerstone.
- This is the LORD's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- This is the day that the Lord has made; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.



## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:9-11

A period of silence may follow. Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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
forever and ever. Amen.

### THE COLLECT FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# **CONCLUDING SENTENCE - THE GRACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 

2 Corinthians 13:14





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