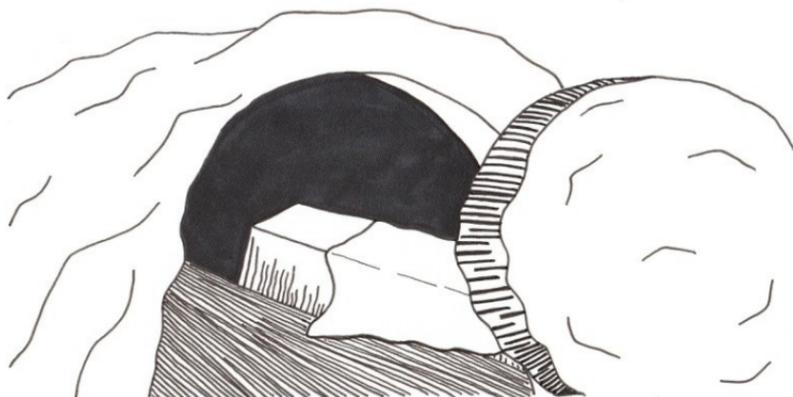


A SIMPLE FAMILY BREVIARY
for Home, School, or Work

EASTER SAMPLE



**from the Psalms of Saint Francis of Assisi
and the Commons of Mary and the Saints**

simple once-daily prayer
suitable for a family, the classroom,
midday at work, and with co-workers

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E A S T E R

The Season of Easter begins on the Vigil of Easter Sunday, the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, the first day of Spring.

SONG A (Choose one.)

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
 No gra-cious words we hear
 From him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
 But we be-lieve him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
 Nor fol-low where he trod;
 But in his prom-ise we re-joice,
 And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief;
 And may our faith a-bound,
 To call on you when you are near
 And seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done,
 In realms of clear-er light
 We may be-hold you as you are,
 With full and end-less sight.

Text: CM, based on 2 Cor. 5:7 and John 20:24-29;
 Henry Alford, 1844, altered

Music: ST. AGNES, CM; John B. Dykes, 1866;

Popular melody for: *Shepherd of Souls*

Current familiar tune: SHANTI, by Marty Haugen, GIA Publications, 1984

SONG B

Ye sons and daugh\-ters of\ the King,
 With heav'n-ly hosts\ in glo\-ry sing,
 To-day the grave\ has lost\ its sting:
 Al-le-lu-ia!

On that first morn\-ing of\ the week,
 Be-fore the day\ be-gan\ to break,
 The Ma-ry's went\ their Lord\ to seek:
 Al-le-lu-ia!

An an-gel bade\ their sor\-row flee,
 By speak-ing thus\ un-to\ the three:
 "Your Lord is gone\ to Gal\-i-lee:"
 Al-le-lu-ia!

That night th'A-pos\-tles met\ in fear,
 A-midst them came\ their Lord\ most dear
 And said, "Peace be\ un-to\ you here:"
 Al-le-lu-ia!

Bless-ed are they\ that have\ not seen
 And yet whose faith\ has con\-stant been,
 In life e-ter\-nal they\ shall reign:
 Al-le-lu-ia!

And we with ho\-ly Church\ u-nite,
 As ev-er-more\ is just\ and right,
 In glo-ry to\ the King\ of light: Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia\! Al-le\-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: see John 20; attrib. to Jean Tisserand, d. 1494;
 translated by John M. Neal, 1851, altered
 Music: 888, O FILII ET FILIAE; Chant Mode II,
Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels, 1623

Easter Canticle Revelation 19:1b,2a,3b,5b,6b,7

Leader: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Side 1 (Leader's side)

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Salvation and glory and power are to our God,
whose judgments are true and just.

Side 2

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Praise our God, all you servants of the Lord,
you small and you great,
who hold God in awe.

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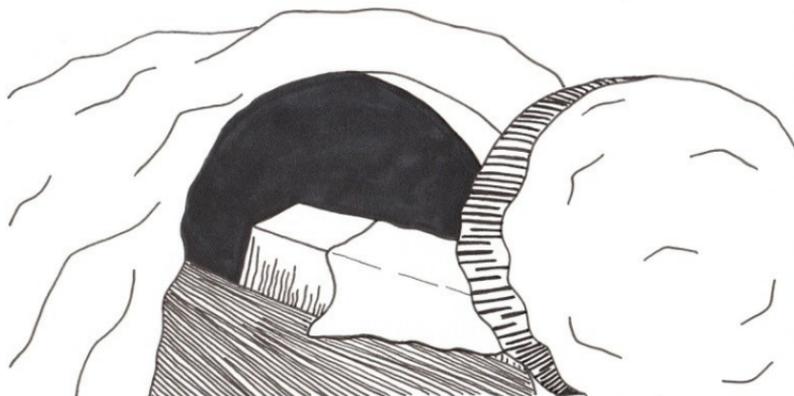
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

The Lord is reigning, our God, the Almighty.
Let us rejoice and let us exalt,
and we will give the glory to the Lord.

2

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

The day has come
for the marriage of the Lamb,
and the bride has prepared herself.



1

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

2

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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Easter Sundays & Wednesdays:

The New Song

9th Psalm of Saint Francis

Sing a new song to the Lord
who has done marvelous things,

Ps 98:1ab

Working salvation through the Beloved Son,
his right hand and holy arm.

Ps 98:1cd

The Lord has made known salvation,
justice revealed for the eyes of the nations.

Ps 98:2

On that day the Lord sent Merciful Love
and at night the song within us.

Ps 42:9ab

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Ps 118:24

Blessed is the one coming
in the name of the Lord;
our Lord God has shined light onto us.

Ps 118:26a,27a

Let the heavens rejoice.

Let the earth be glad.

Let the sea resound and all its fullness.

Let the fields and all that is in them be jubilant.

Ps 96:11-12a

Bring to the Lord, families of nations,
bring to the Lord glory and strength,
bring to the Lord the glory of the name!

Ps 96:7-8a

From Ascension to Pentecost, add:

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God!
Sing praise to the Lord!

Ps 68:33a

To the Rider in the skies,
the ancient skies, see!

The voice thunders, the voice of might.

Ps 68:33b-34a

Proclaim the power of God over Israel,
the majesty and power in the skies.

Ps 68:34b-35

Awesome are you, God, in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength
to the people praising God.

Ps 68:36

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

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Easter Mondays & Thursdays:

Acclamation of the Christ

7th Psalm of Saint Francis

All you nations, clap your hands!

Shout to God with cries of joy!

Ps 47:2

How awesome is the Lord Most High,
the great King over all the earth.

Ps 47:3

Our Father of heaven and earth,
our King before all ages,
sent from heaven the Beloved Begotten Son
and brought about salvation
in the center of creation.

Ps 74:12; 144:7; Mt 17:5;

Jn 3:17; Gal 4:4; Creed

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
let the sea resound and all its fullness;
let the fields and all that is in them be jubilant.

Ps 96:11-12a

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Ps 96:1

For the Lord is great, greatly being praised,
the one held in awe beyond all so-called "gods."

Ps 96:4

Take up his holy cross,
follow his most holy commands,
and abide in him.

Mt 16:24; cf. Jn 15:10

In Advent this psalm ends here.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor!
Tremble in the presence all the earth!
Say among the nations,
“The Lord reigns!”

Ps 96:9b-10a

He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

Apostles' Creed

Be exalted, God, above the heavens,
your glory over all the earth.

Ps 57:12

We know that the Son of God
Comes and will come to judge justice.

1 Jn 5:20; Ps 96:13b; 75:3

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

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Easter Tuesdays & Fridays:
Echoes of Struggle & Victory
8th Psalm of Saint Francis

O God, save me;
hasten, Lord, to help me.

Ps 70:2

May plans to seek my life
be shamed and confused.

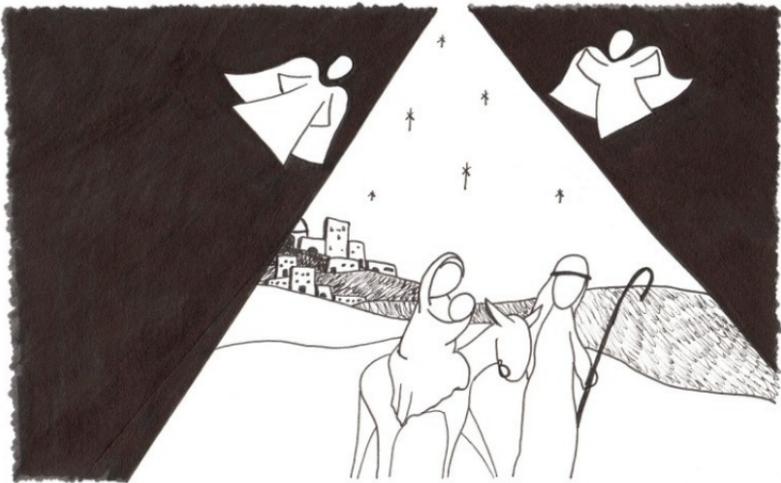
Ps 70:3a

May the desire for my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.

Ps 70:3b

May the ones saying, “aha!, aha!”
turn back in shame.

Ps 70:4





May all who seek you
rejoice in you and be glad.

Ps 70:5a

May lovers of salvation say always,
“Let God be exalted.”

Ps 70:5b

Yet I am poor and needy, God;
come quickly.

Ps 70:6a

My help and deliverer, Lord, do not delay.

Ps 70:6b

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

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Easter Saturdays:**Morning Sun***3rd Psalm of Saint Francis*

Have mercy on me, God,
have mercy on me,
for in you my soul takes refuge.

Ps 57:2a

And in the shade of your wings
I take refuge until disasters pass.

Ps 57:2b

I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills me.

Ps 57:3

God sends from the heavens and saves me
and rebukes the one pursuing me.

Ps 57:4ab

God sends love and fidelity
and rescues me from enmity,
from those too strong for me.

Ps 57:4c-5a; 18:18

For my feet they spread a net
and my self was bowed down.

Ps 57:ab

Before me they dug a pit
and fell into it themselves.

Ps 57:cd

**My heart is steadfast, God,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.**

Ps 57:8

**Awake, my glory,
wake up the harp and lyre;
I will wake up the dawn.**

Ps 57:9

**I will praise you among the nations, Lord;
I will sing of you among the peoples.**

Ps 57:10

**For great to the heavens is your love
and to the skies is your fidelity.**

Ps 57:11

**Be exalted above the heavens, God,
your glory over all the earth.**

Ps 57:12

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:**

**As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

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Closing Praises

Saint Francis Psalm of Praise for All Hours

Leader: Praise the Lord forever.

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 1: **Holy, holy, holy** Rev 4:8
 is the Lord God Almighty,
 who was, who is, and who is to come:

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 2: **Worthy are you,** Rev 4:11
 our Lord and our God, to receive
 the glory and honor and power:

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 1: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain**
 to receive the power and riches
 and wisdom and blessing: Rev 5:12

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 2: **Let us bless the Father and the Son**
 and the Holy Spirit:

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 1: **Bless the Lord,** Dan 3:57
 all you works of the Lord:

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 2: **All you servants of the Lord,** Rev. 19:5
 praise our God, you small and you great,
 who revere God in awe:

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Side 1: **Let heaven and earth give praise:** Ps 69:35a

All: **Praise the Lord forever**

Side 2: **And every creature in heaven** Ps 69:35b
 and on earth and under the earth
 with the seas and all moving in them:

All: **Praise the Lord forever.**

Leader: **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
 and to the Holy Spirit:

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now,**
and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

All: **Almighty, most holy,**
you who alone are totally good,
may we give back to you
all praise, all glory, all grace, all honor,
all blessing, and all good.
So be it. So be it. Amen.

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**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.
So Be It.
So Be It.
Amen.**

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