

Alleluia

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

REFLECTION

For all of Lent, the word *Alleluia* is never uttered.

But now in Easter, with the Lord risen, it seems that we can't use the word often enough!

Alleluia, like the word *Amen*, is a Hebrew word.

These are the only two Hebrew words that we use in the liturgy of the Church. Both are words which we humans use in reply to God's revelation:-

Amen we use to confirm our agreement and commitment to God's message which he reveals in Christ.

But what about *Alleluia*?

In Hebrew it means '*Praise The Lord*'.

The word *Alleluia* is full of liquid-sounding vowels, and it's a word that lends itself to being sung!

We sing *Alleluia* as our reply to the greatest of news, that the Risen Lord has reached down into the shadows of death and has opened a way for us to travel through death and into the fullness of life.

So even if we don't sing the word *Alleluia* with our voices, we should be singing the word in our hearts.

PRAYERS

For each of these prayers we respond *Alleluia*.

Let us praise the Lord for giving us the gift of life.

Alleluia.

Let us praise Him for saving us from death.

Alleluia.

Let us praise Him for His merciful love to us.

Alleluia.

Let us finish by saying in Latin:

...or in English:

Haec Dies quam fecit Dominus
alleluia!

This is the Day that was made by
the Lord, alleluia!

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**We rejoice and are glad,
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The Old Testament is full of song-prayers, amongst them the 150 Psalms which were supposedly written by King David.

Many of them are songs of praise or '*Alleluia Psalms*'.

The earliest song of praise in the Bible is the song of thanksgiving which Moses and the Israelites sung as they passed through the Red Sea, and survived, whereas their enemies the Egyptians drowned. It is a song praising God as Saviour of his children.

In the season of Easter, the *Alleluia* we sing is to praise God for saving us from the waters of death. We sing, even though we haven't yet reached the far shore.

While we are still in the waters of mortal life, drowning for much of the time as we struggle to stay afloat, we nevertheless sing *Alleluia* in anticipation of our rescue from death.

We sing in confidence, because we know that having risen from the dead, Jesus will reach into the waters of death and lift us into fullness of life, if we put up our hands and let him lift us up there.

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There is one psalm in the Old Testament known as the *Great Alleluia Psalm*: Psalm 136.

It is a litany of praise to God; All the way through the psalm, there is a refrain that is repeated again and again:*for his love endures forever*. The psalm begins by praising God for creating the universe, then for all his works of creation, and for each remembrance of God's act of creation, the refrain is repeated ...*for his love endures forever*.

Then having praised God as Creator, the psalm praises God as Saviour, for saving his children from Egyptian slavery, for saving them as they travelled throughout their time in the wilderness, and for saving them right until they reach the promised land. Always with the refrain ...*for his love endures forever*.

We can make this our act of praise as we thank God for all that he has done to give us life, to save us from death, to preserve us with good health, and to reassure us that we can always call upon him to help when we're in need.

PRAYERS

Extract From Psalm 135

Let us join in the refrain of this psalm; *For his love endures forever*.

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

for his love endures forever,

Give thanks to the God of gods

for his love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

for his love endures forever.

It was he who made the great lights,

for his love endures forever,

the sun to rule in the day,

for his love endures forever,

the moon and the stars in the night,

for his love endures forever.

Through the desert his people he led,
for his love endures forever.

Nations in their greatness he struck,
for his love endures forever.

Kings in their splendour he slew,
for his love endures forever.

He let Israel inherit their land,
for his love endures forever.

On his servant their land he bestowed,
for his love endures forever.

He remembered us in our distress
for his love endures forever.

And he snatched us away from our foes
for his love endures forever.

He gives food to all living things,
for his love endures forever.

To the God of heaven give thanks,
for his love endures forever.

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Thursday

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ROSARY REFLECTION

Let us pray the Rosary today, giving thanks for the gift of life.

**THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY:
THE RESURRECTION**

*Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week;
The Day that was made by the Lord for his work of salvation.
Alleluia!*

1x 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....**

10x *Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus. Holy Mary...*

1x *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was....In the name..*

Friday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FRIDAY PRAYER

For Friday Prayers today let us listen to this
Go to this YouTube clip to hear Gregorian chant of
an Alleluia antiphon.

FORM TEACHER NEEDS TO LOG IN!

<http://youtu.be/WGAwruCVyn4>