

# Blessings & Prayers for the Paschal Season According to the Sarum Manual in Modern English

## BLESSING OF FLESH-MEAT ON PASCHA

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God of heaven and Ruler of the earth, Who gives food to all flesh, and fills every living thing with your favor: bless **U** and sanctify **U** this creature of meat: that to us receiving Your gifts You would grant health of mind and body. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Another Collect:*

Let us pray.

Collect: O God, the Creator of all flesh, Who gave to Noe and his sons precepts concerning clean and unclean animals: and Who did permit the human race to eat clean four-footed animals as herbs: and Who did command Moses and Your people in Egypt to eat a lamb on the vigil of the pasch as a figure of the Lamb our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose blood You redeemed every firstborn out of the world: and in the same night commanded every firstborn in Egypt to be slain, preserving Your prefigured people by the blood of a lamb: Grant, O Lord, almighty God, to bless **U** and sanctify **U** these meats: that whosoever of Your faithful people shall partake of them may, satisfied with every heavenly blessing and Your grace, be filled unto goodness. By Whom, O Lord, all these things are made, and from the beginning have been created. Who lives and reigns with the same Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*Holy water is sprinkled over the meats.*

## BLESSING OF MEAT, CHEESE, BUTTER, EGGS, & SWEETS ON PASCHA

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord God almighty, Who for all things living has made and created the nourishment of Your bounty, and, for the human race, the food and drink of Your commandments, and without ceasing refreshes us with the earthly substances of Your gifts: almighty God, we steadfastly beseech, that You would vouchsafe in Your perpetual and evident mercy to sanctify **U** and to bless **U** these Your gifts of meat, cheese, butter and eggs, (*or any other sort of food*), which You Yourself have created and given to us. Mercifully bestow upon those that, from them, feed upon the abundance of Your blessing, health in their bodies: and mercifully grant in the present life safety, and in that to come, blessedness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*Then the Priest sprinkles holy water on the Paschal Foods.*

## BLESSING BEFORE DINNER ON PASCHA

*On the Day of Pascha and through all that week the blessing is:*

*Priest:* Bless.

*All:* The Lord bless!

*Reader:* This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us rejoice and be glad therein.

*Priest:* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*All:* As it was in the beginning, is now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Our Father. . . *silently, as usual, until the Priest sings.*

*V.* And lead us not into temptation.

*R.* But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray.

Bless us  $\cup$  O Lord, and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Reader:* Grant, O Lord, to bless.

*Priest:* May the King of eternal glory: make us partakers of the heavenly table. Amen.

*Reader:* Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened: for Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. Therefore let us feast in the Lord. *R.* Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AFTER DINNER ON PASCHA

*Priest:* Who gives food to all flesh: O give thanks to the God of heaven. But You, O Lord, be merciful unto us.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

*Priest:* O Praise the Lord, all you nations.

*All:* Praise Him, all you peoples.

*Reader:* For He has made His mercy to prevail over us: and the truth of the Lord abides forever.

*Priest:* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*All:* As it was in the beginning, is now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*V.* In Your Resurrection, O Christ.

*R.* Let the heavens and the earth rejoice, alleluia.

*V.* The Lord be with you.

*R.* And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the Spirit of Your love: that those whom You have fulfilled with the holy Paschal Mysteries would, of Your loving kindness, be of one mind. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God: through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*V.* Let us bless the Lord.

*R.* Thanks be to God.