

Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Season

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

All and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

king of the nations,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your name is proclaimed in all the world.

As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts

anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit

that we may witness to your gospel

and sing your praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

A Song of Joy

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

*The appointed psalmody is said.
Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here
Canticle*

All Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.

1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

2 Though night still covers the earth,
and darkness the peoples;

- 3 Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.
- 4 The nations will come to your light,
and kings to your dawning brightness.
- 5 Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day nor by night.
- 6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders.
- 7 You will call your walls, Salvation,
and your gates, Praise.
- 8 No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor moonlight shine upon you;
- 9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.
- 10 For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 60.1-3,11a,18,19,14b

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.

Scripture Reading

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

All let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

All Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

**All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Gospel Cantic: The Benedictus

**All This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven ...**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**