

☩ Morning Prayer

Epiphany Season

Saturday, 15 January 2022

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

And all the peoples have seen your glory.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

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 suitable hymn, or Jubilate – 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.

Psalm 100

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

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 29

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, □

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; □

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; □

the Lord is upon the mighty waters. R

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; □

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; □

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf □

and Sirion like a young wild ox. R

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; □

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare; □

in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; □

the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; □

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,

to hear the music of your voice

above the chaos of this world;

open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,

for you are our King, now and for ever.

Psalm 33

Refrain: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
for it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the lyre;
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.

3 Sing for him a new song;
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.

4 For the word of the Lord is true
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord. R

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin
and lays up the deep in his treasury.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.

9 For he spoke, and it was done;
he commanded, and it stood fast. R

10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught;
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.

11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his own. R

13 The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them

and understands all their works.

16 No king is saved by the might of his host;[□]
no warrior delivered by his great strength.

17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;[□]
for all its strength it cannot save. R

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,[□]
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

19 To deliver their soul from death[□]
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;[□]
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;[□]
in his holy name have we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,[□]
as we have set our hope on you.

Refrain: The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Feed your people, Lord,
with your holy word
and free us from the emptiness of our
wrongful desires,
that we may sing the new song of salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, or both may be read after the canticle.

Genesis 6.1-10

When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. Then the Lord said, 'My spirit shall not abide in mortals for ever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred and twenty years.' The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterwards—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, 'I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found favour in the sight of the Lord.

These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Canticle

A Song of the New Jerusalem, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 31 \(page 582\)](#) or [number 36 \(page 587\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

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.

8No more will the sun give you daylight,[□]
nor moonlight shine upon you;

9But the Lord will be your everlasting light,[□]
your God will be your splendour.

10For you shall be called the city of God,[□]
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

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

AllGlory 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.

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

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Matthew 22.34-end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

from Psalm 96

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said, or [A Song of the Blessed \(page 606\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

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,

6Free to worship him without fear, [□]

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

7And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, [□]

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8To give his people knowledge of salvation [□]

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9In the tender compassion of our God [□]

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10To 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

AllGlory 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.

Refrain:

AllThis 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

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364–365](#)

¶ The unity of the Church

¶ The peace of the world

¶ The healing of the sick

¶ The revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden

¶ All who travel

A form of prayer found [on page 379](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,

anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,

that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

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,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

(or)

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.

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