

## ☩ Morning Prayer

### Epiphany Season

Sunday, 19 January 2025

### The Second Sunday of Epiphany

#### 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 145.1-13**

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ☩  
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you ☩  
and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ☩  
his greatness is beyond all searching out. R

4 One generation shall praise your works to another ☩  
and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ☩  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ☩  
and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ☩  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ☩  
long-suffering and of great goodness. R

9 The Lord is loving to everyone ☩  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, ☩  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom ☩  
and speak of your mighty power,

12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ☩  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ☩  
your dominion endures throughout all ages. R

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

King of the universe,  
you show the bright glory of your reign  
in acts of mercy and enduring love;

raise the spirits of the downcast  
and restore those who have fallen away,  
that we may sing for ever of your love;  
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.

## **Isaiah 49.1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord,

and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength—

he says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## 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.

6The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, □  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

7You 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.

## Acts 16.11-15

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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,

6 Free 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:

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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

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 your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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

AllOur 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.  
AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
AllThanks be to God.

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