

## ☩ Morning Prayer

### Epiphany Season

**Tuesday, 21 January 2025**

**Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304 [Lesser Festival]**

**Fourth Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

### 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

Let us 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 132**

Refrain: Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

1 Lord, remember for David □

all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord □

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 'I will not come within the shelter of my house, □

nor climb up into my bed;

4 'I will not allow my eyes to sleep, □

nor let my eyelids slumber,

5 'Until I find a place for the Lord, □

a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.' R

6 Now, we heard of the ark in Ephrathah □

and found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

7 Let us enter his dwelling place □

and fall low before his footstool.

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting place, □

you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness □

and your faithful ones sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, □

turn not away the face of your anointed. R

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David, □

a promise from which he will not shrink:

12 'Of the fruit of your body □

shall I set upon your throne.

13 'If your children keep my covenant

and my testimonies that I shall teach them, □

their children also shall sit upon your throne for evermore.'

14 For the Lord has chosen Zion for himself; □

he has desired her for his habitation: R

15 'This shall be my resting place for ever; □  
here will I dwell, for I have longed for her.

16 'I will abundantly bless her provision; □  
her poor will I satisfy with bread.

17 'I will clothe her priests with salvation, □  
and her faithful ones shall rejoice and sing.

18 'There will I make a horn to spring up for David; □  
I will keep a lantern burning for my anointed.

19 'As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; □  
but on him shall his crown be bright.'

Refrain: Arise, O Lord, into your resting place.

Jesus, Son of David,  
make us a priestly people;  
clothe us in righteousness,  
make us fruitful,  
and give us hearts to shout for joy in your salvation;  
we pray in the power of the Spirit.

## **Psalm 147.1-12**

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

1 Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God, □  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem □  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted □  
and binds up all their wounds. R

4 He counts the number of the stars □  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; □  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, □  
but casts down the wicked to the ground. R

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; □  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds □  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains □  
and green plants to serve our needs. R

10 He gives the beasts their food □  
and the young ravens when they cry.

11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, □  
no delight in human strength;

12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him, □  
who put their trust in his steadfast love. R

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God,  
as you know each star you have created,  
so you know the secrets of every heart;  
in your loving mercy bring to your table  
all who are fearful and broken,  
all who are wounded and needy,  
that our hungers may be satisfied  
in the city of your peace;  
through Christ who is our peace.

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.

## Amos 7

This is what the Lord God showed me: he was forming locusts at the time the latter growth began to sprout (it was the latter growth after the king's mowings).

When they had finished eating the grass of the land, I said,

'O Lord God, forgive, I beg you!

How can Jacob stand?

He is so small!

The Lord relented concerning this;

'It shall not be,' said the Lord.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord God was calling for a shower of fire, and it devoured the great deep and was eating up the land. Then I said,

'O Lord God, cease, I beg you!

How can Jacob stand?

He is so small!

The Lord relented concerning this;

'This also shall not be,' said the Lord God.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,

and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,

and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,

and your land shall be parcelled out by line;

you yourself shall die in an unclean land,

and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

## 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.

## 1 Corinthians 6.12-end

'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

Alllet 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 Canticle

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

Refrain:

All Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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.

Refrain:

All Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## 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 God, shepherd of your sheep,

whose child Agnes was strengthened to bear witness

in her living and her dying

to the true love of her redeemer:

grant us the power to understand, with all your saints,

what is the breadth and length and height and depth

and to know the love that surpasses knowledge,

even 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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