

## ¶ Evening Prayer

### Epiphany Season

**Tuesday, 28 January 2025**

**Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274 [Lesser Festival]**

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

AllO Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

our light and our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,

and through the anointing of the Spirit

you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into your marvellous light,

may our lives bear witness to your truth

and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[A Song of God's Splendour \(page 561\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,

kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

J S B Monsell

(Tune: 13 10 13 10)

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

AllAmen.

## **The Word of God**

## Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

### Psalm 145

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

14 The Lord is sure in all his words □  
and faithful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall □  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, □  
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand □  
and fill all things living with plenty. R

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways □  
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, □  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; □  
he hears their cry and saves them.

21 The Lord watches over those who love him, □  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, □  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

## Genesis 13.2-end

Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them living together; for their possessions were so great that they could not live together, and there was strife between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

Then Abram said to Lot, 'Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herders and my herders; for we are kindred. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.' Lot looked about him, and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the Lord had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastwards; thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the Plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom. Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, 'Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northwards and southwards and eastwards and westwards; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring for ever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.' So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the Lord.

## Canticle

A Song of Praise, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 63 \(page 621\)](#) or [number 71 \(page 629\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

AllYou created all things, O God,  
and are worthy of our praise for ever.

1You are worthy, our Lord and God, □  
to receive glory and honour and power.

2For you have created all things, ☩  
and by your will they have their being.

3You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, ☩  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.

4You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God, ☩  
and they will reign with you on earth.

Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10

AllTo the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ☩  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

AllYou created all things, O God,  
and are worthy of our praise for ever.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Matthew 26.17-35

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." ' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him,

'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

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

Arise, shine, for your light has come;

the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

All Arise, shine, for your light has come;

the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

All The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

All Arise, shine, for your light has come;

the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

from Isaiah 60

## Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,

or [A Song of Christ's Appearing \(page 621\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All Those who keep and teach the commandments

will be considered great in heaven.

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ☩

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ☩

the Almighty has done great things for me

and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ☩

from generation to generation.

4He has shown strength with his arm □  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones □  
and lifting up the lowly.

6He has filled the hungry with good things □  
and sent the rich away empty.

7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, □  
to remember his promise of mercy,

8The promise made to our ancestors, □  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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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will be considered great in heaven.

## Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ for peace

¶ for individuals and their needs

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,

who enriched your Church with the learning and holiness

of your servant Thomas Aquinas:

give to all who seek you

a humble mind and a pure heart

that they may know your Son Jesus Christ

as the way, the truth and the life;

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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