

☩ Morning Prayer

Epiphany Season

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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 61

Refrain: You are my refuge, O God,

a strong tower against the enemy.

1 Hear my crying, O God, ☩

and listen to my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth I call to you with fainting heart; ☩

O set me on the rock that is higher than I.

3 For you are my refuge, ☩

a strong tower against the enemy.

4 Let me dwell in your tent for ever ☩

and take refuge under the cover of your wings. R

5 For you, O God, will hear my vows; ☩

you will grant the request of those who fear your name.

6 You will add length of days to the life of the king, ☩

that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 May he sit enthroned before God for ever; ☩

may steadfast love and truth watch over him.

8 So will I always sing praise to your name, ☩

and day by day fulfil my vows.

Refrain: You are my refuge, O God,

a strong tower against the enemy.

Risen Christ,

as you knew the discipline of suffering

and the victory that brings us salvation,

so grant us your presence in our weakness

and a place in your unending kingdom

now and for evermore.

Psalm 65

Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ☩

to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; □
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.

3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there. □
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple. R

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, □
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains □
and are girded about with might.

6 You still the raging of the seas, □
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels; □
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. R

8 You visit the earth and water it; □
you make it very plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of water; □
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; □
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness, □
and your paths overflow with plenty.

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness □
and the hills be girded with joy.

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep □
and the valleys stand so thick with corn

that they shall laugh and sing.

Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.

May the richness of your creation, Lord,
and the mystery of your providence
lead us to that heavenly city
where all peoples will bring their wealth,
forsake their sins and find their true joy,
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.

Hosea 6.7 - 7.2

But at Adam they transgressed the covenant;
there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Gilead is a city of evildoers,
tracked with blood.

As robbers lie in wait for someone,
so the priests are banded together;
they murder on the road to Shechem,
they commit a monstrous crime.

In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing;
Ephraim's whoredom is there, Israel is defiled.

For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed.

When I would restore the fortunes of my people,

when I would heal Israel,
the corruption of Ephraim is revealed,
and the wicked deeds of Samaria;
for they deal falsely,
the thief breaks in,
and the bandits raid outside.
But they do not consider
that I remember all their wickedness.
Now their deeds surround them,
they are before my face.

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.

8 No 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.

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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 11.17-end

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

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

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles

the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness

sustain us by your mighty power;

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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