



Morning Prayer in Epiphany

Please find a seat and make yourself comfortable.

Welcome

Lead O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Lead Your light springs up for the righteous

All **and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Lead 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.**

Lead The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Lead 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.**

Psalm

A Psalm is said.

Stand at the end to say:

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament as appointed for the day.

Canticle - A Song of the New Jerusalem

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

- 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;
- 9* But the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.
- 10* For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Stand to say:

- 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.

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

New Testament Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament as appointed for the day.

Responses

from Psalm 96

- Lead* O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
All let the whole earth tremble before him.
- Lead* Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.
All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- Lead* Tell out his salvation from day to day.
All Let the whole earth tremble before him.
- Lead* 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.

Gospel Canticle

Please stand for the Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)

All Like the sun in the morning sky, the Saviour of the world will dawn;
like rain upon the meadows, the Christ will come down upon us.

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.

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.

All Like the sun in the morning sky, the Saviour of the world will dawn;
like rain upon the meadows, the Christ will come down upon us.

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response may be used:

Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

The Collect

A collect for the day may be used.

The Lord's Prayer

Lead 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

Lead May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Lead Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining us for this service of Morning Prayer

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