

Morning Prayer in Epiphany Season

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

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. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Jubilate – A Song of Joy

¹O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

²Know 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.

³Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; ♦
give thanks to him and bless his name.

⁴For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalmody *The appointed psalmody is said.*

**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.

Canticle: A Song of the New Jerusalem

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

¹Arise, shine out, for your light has come, ♦ the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

²Though night still covers the earth, ♦ and darkness the peoples;

³Above you the Holy One arises, ♦ and above you God's glory appears.

⁴The nations will come to your light, ♦ and kings to your dawning brightness.

⁵Your 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

**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.**

Scripture Reading *One or more readings appointed for the day are read.*

Responsory

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations

and his wonders among all peoples.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *from 1 John 1*

Gospel Canticle: The Benedictus

Refrain: *This is the Christ, the Chosen of God, the one who will bring healing to the nations.*

¹Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦ who has come to his people and set them free.

²He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦ born of the house of his servant David.

³Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

⁴To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦ and to remember his holy covenant.

⁵This 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

**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.**

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Believing the promise of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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