

Friday Morning Season of Epiphany Prayer

Preparation:

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

Hear our voice, O Lord,
according to your faithful love, give us life.

Prayer for Epiphany

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of
God's Light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest
corner, and heralds in the start of a new dawn, where hearts
no longer fear, souls might be set free, and sister shall follow
brother, nation shall follow nation, and kings and princes
bow down in awe before the one who comes to reign.

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Alleluia!

Hymn

As with gladness, those of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward, beaming bright
So, most glorious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm (*sung in simple chant*)

Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever more. Amen.

(*sung*) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hal-le-lu-u-jah

Gospel

(*sung*) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hal-le-lu-u-jah

Silence

An invitation for brief sharing.

Creed ("A New Creed"):

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968 alt.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

You are invited to offer prayers, silently or aloud...

The Lord's Prayer (paraphrase)

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

**The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the
world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our
hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now
and forever. Amen.**

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The Conclusion:

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.