

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER

EPIPHANY 2021

Opening Sentences

The story is out! Jesus Christ, Light of the World has been born to dispel the darkness that covers its people. God's glory appears in human form. Life on earth will never be the same again.

Father Mother God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that it's Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. **Amen**

God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children. Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for the kingdom of love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes to see your eternal life shining brightly, leading us home. Amen

Confession

The son of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

(Silence for our own confession)

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our Saviour forgives us our sins and makes us holy to serve him in the world,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
(Church of England)

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

O God make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us: O come let us worship.

Canticle

Christ is the image of the unseen God,
the first born of all creation,
for in him were all things made,
in heaven and on earth.

**Through him and for him were all things made,
before all he exists, holds all things in one.
The Church is his body, and he is its head.**

He is the beginning, the first born from the dead;
in all things he is supreme.
God made all his fullness to dwell in him,
to reconcile through him all creation to himself,
everything on earth and everything in heaven,
All gathered into peace by his death on the cross.

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Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

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(Silent time of reflection)

(Share any reflections)

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith
**We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all
people...** *(Petitions may be added)*

Flame abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your good news to the world.
**We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and
all who are struggling with faith...** *(Petitions may be added)*

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples
We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired...
(Petitions may be added)

Comforters of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service
We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby... *(Petitions may be added)*

Ember of steadfast care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation. **God of radiant light, your love illumines our hope before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Anglican Church of Canada)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen
(Anglican Collects Contemporary)

Lord's Prayer

**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,
forever and ever, Amen.**

Blessing/Closing Prayer

Lead us on to learn willingly, to love well, to live in trust.
Surround us with hope, shield us from harm, set us on our way rejoicing.
Let all God's people say Amen.

(Church of Scotland)