

## MORNING PRAYERS FOR EPIPHANY 2023

*Adapted from "Morning Prayer for Epiphany from the Iona Community" and "Essential Celtic Prayers" by Thomas McPherson*

In a refugee child playing under a star ...

In an anonymous young man requesting baptism ...

In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand ...

**God was waiting to be recognised and known,  
to transform seeing and change the world.**

In the routine smallness of everyday life ...

In the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition ...

In the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine ...

**God is waiting to be recognised and known,  
to transform our seeing and change our world.**

God of proclamation and epiphany,

**Through the words of prophets and angels  
you reveal the possibilities  
of a different way for the world ...**

God of encounter and epiphany,

**Through the life and actions of Jesus  
you reveal the passionate love  
at the heart of your Kingdom ...**

God of epiphany and challenge, as we hear you now

**Open our knowing and understanding  
to your patterns and their possibilities.**

*Silence*

*Bell is rung.*

**THANKSGIVING:** O Weaver of Oneness and Reader of Hearts, we know you need no spoken words to tell you of our affection for you. But may these prayers of thanksgiving be sacraments of our love.

**FREE PRAYERS OF THANKS:** *Aloud or in silence, offer your gratitude to God.*

## PSALM

**GOSPEL READING:** *Listen for the word or phrase that is calling to you this day.*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

**SILENCE AS WE REFLECT ON THE WORD:** *Sit silently with the word or phrase that is calling to you. Allow it to unfold in your imagination and tend to*

*the images, feelings and memories that are stirred in you. Then listen for the invitation to you in the midst of the circumstances of your life right now. How are you being invited to respond?*

*Bell is rung.*

*Invitation to share reflections.*

### **INTERCESSIONS:**

Holy Mystery who is wholly love, bless all those in need of your healing love as we name them now aloud or in silence...

*You are invited to share your prayers of concern aloud or in silence...*

### **THE PRAYER OF JESUS:** *(an adaptation by Parker Palmer)*

**Heavenly Mother, heavenly Father,  
Holy and blessed is your true name.  
We pray for your reign of peace to come,  
We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river through us,  
From each one to each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days,  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come!  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy—  
Forever your name is All in One.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

May the blessing of light be on you – **light without and light within.**

May the blessed sunlight shine upon you like a great peat fire,

**so that stranger and friend may come and warm at it.**

And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, **bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.**

And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, **and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star.**

Go in peace and go in love, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, to be Christ's face and hands and feet and star-bright hearts in the world. Thanks be to God!

**Amen.**