

¶ *Morning Prayer* *Epiphany Season* ↑

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

All and all the peoples have seen your glory.

*One or more of the following is said or sung:
this or another prayer of thanksgiving*

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.

a suitable hymn, or Jubilate – A Song of Joy

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

- 2 Know 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.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; ♦
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

**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.**

This opening prayer may be said

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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.**

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, or another suitable canticle, for example, number 31 ([here](#)) or number 36 ([here](#)), may be said

Refrain:

**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.

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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

All let the whole earth tremble before him.

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

All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

All Let the whole earth tremble before him.

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.

from Psalm 96

Gospel Cantic

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said, or A Song of the Blessed (here) may be said

Refrain:

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

- 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.

Luke 1.68-79

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

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

The cycle here and the prayer here may be used.

These responses may be used

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

That the people of God in all the world
may worship in spirit and in truth,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the nations of the earth
may seek after the ways that make for peace,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the whole creation, groaning in travail,
may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
may rest in peace and rise in glory,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day (here) or the following is said

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said (here)

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

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

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.