

Thursday Morning Prayer for Epiphanytide

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GRATITUDE

We begin our morning by naming what we are grateful for...
Prayers of gratitude are spoken...

THE PENITENTIAL OFFICE

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.
Bell. Silence. Bell.

God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.** ¹

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler 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
so that we may witness to your gospel
and sing your praise in all the earth. ¹⁰⁴

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A poem may be read or song sung.

The Psalm

*A Psalm from the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary is said or sung.
At the end of the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.**

The Reading(s)

*A Reading from the the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary is said.
At the end of the reading is said...*

...The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Or ...The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Responsory

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Tell out the salvation of God from day to day.
Let the whole earth tremble before God.
Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations
and the wonders of God among the peoples.
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.** ¹¹⁰

The Cantic

Song of the New Jerusalem (Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b)
Arise, shine out, for your light has come, *
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
Though night still covers the earth, *
and darkness the peoples;
above you the Holy One arises, *
and above you God's glory appears.
The nations will come to your light, *
and rulers to your dawning brightness.
Your gates will lie open continually, *
shut neither by day nor by night.
The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, * or ruin and
devastation within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and your gates, Praise.
Nor will the sun give you daylight, *
nor moonlight shine upon you;

but the Lord will be your everlasting light, *
your God will be your splendour.
For you shall be called the city of God, *
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel. ¹¹²
Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. ¹¹⁴

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.** ¹¹⁶

Or, Hear, O Israel

**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. ¹¹⁷

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

The Litany

The Litany may be said or sung.

Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all world
worship in spirit and in truth.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the church discover that unity which is your will.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
rest in peace and rise in glory.

Holy One, shine upon us and hear us. ¹¹⁸

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.
Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *the unity of the church;*
- *the peace of the world;*
- *the healing of the sick;*
- *the revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden and*
- *all who travel.* ¹¹⁹

*After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be
said or sung.*

Week of Epiphany

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws
the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, so that we may
come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and
return from his presence to live as he has taught. **Amen.** ¹²⁰

Week of the Baptism of Christ

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with
your image and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit
and the
example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.** ¹²¹

Between the Baptism of Christ and Presentation

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we
celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and
compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen.** ¹²²

or O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.** ¹²³

Presentation

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. As Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring and Simeon say in him the dawn of redemption, complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us vessels of his light, so that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace. **Amen.** ¹²⁴

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. **Amen.** ¹²⁶