



Epiphany Star

Morning Prayer for Epiphany
From Epiphany through Presentation

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule,
you received gifts from the magi.

Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John,
you saved us from ourselves.

Blessed are you, Servant Lord,
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, **you proclaimed God's gracious reign.**
With all the voices of heaven and earth,
we celebrate your epiphany.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

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.

Blessed be God, Source, Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Psalm

At the end of the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

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.

or

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.

or Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.

The Reading

After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

- *Morning Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.*

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.

The Canticle

(a) A 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.

Or

(b) A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42.5-8a)

Thus says God, who created the heavens, *
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;

who gives breath to the people upon it *
and spirit to those who walk in it,

'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, *

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, *
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the captives from the dungeon, *
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; *
my glory I give to no other.'

➤ *At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.*

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.

or

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

➤ *Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.*

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed or Hear, O Israel*

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.**

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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.

➤ *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.*

➤ *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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

➤ *Morning Prayer continues with 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/Mother 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.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

➤ *Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.*

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



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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for the Daily Office Wednesdays, Epiphany through the Presentation (Feb 2)

- January 6** **Epiphany.** Ps 72: 1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12
- January 13** Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41: 14-20; John 1: 29-34
- January 20** Psalm 86; Genesis 16: 1-14; Luke 18: 1-17
- January 27** Psalm 46; Proverbs 8: 1-21; Mark 13: 13-19a