

## Morning Prayer for Epiphany Season [2021]

### Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting

*All* **the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Declare his glory among the nations

*All* **and his wonders among all peoples.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*All* **Tell out his salvation from day to day.**

*We listen to our opening HYMN*

### Opening Prayer

*All* **Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### Confession

King of kings, we come into your presence  
recognising our own unworthiness to stand before you.  
We have often failed  
to acknowledge you as Lord of our lives.

Father, forgive us,

*All* **and cleanse us from our sins.**

We have often failed  
to live up to the standards of your kingdom  
or obey your commandments.

Father, forgive us,

*All* **and cleanse us from our sins.**

We have often failed  
to put the interests and well-being of others  
above our own.

Father, forgive us,

*All* **and cleanse us from our sins.**

We have often failed to worship you  
with our whole heart, mind and strength.

Father, forgive us,

*All* **and cleanse us from our sins.**

May almighty God,  
whose mercy and forgiveness have no limit,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
grant us a fresh vision of your glory  
and strengthen us in your service,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Canticle: A Song of the New Jerusalem (from Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

*All* **Though night still covers the earth,  
and darkness the peoples;**

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

*All* **The nations will come to your light,  
and kings to your dawning brightness.**

Your gates will lie open continually,  
shut neither by day nor by night.

*All* **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.

*All* **No more 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.

*All* **For you shall be called the city of God,  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.**

*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.**

Collect for the Day

First Reading

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ...

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end - Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*We reflect on the message as we listen to a HYMN*

The Nicene Creed

*All* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### Prayers of Intercession

*This, or another response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:* Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Gifts

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation.

**All Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
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.**

#### Blessing

Christ the Son of God  
perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts  
with the good news of his kingdom.  
And may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

**All Amen.**

*In church, NOTICES may be given*

*We listen to our final HYMN*

#### Dismissal

We have beheld his glory,  
glory as of the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**