

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. ¹⁰²

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

The Psalm

New Testament Reading

Canticle: *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. 112

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.

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: *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

Intercessions

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 in carnate 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, ¹²⁵

**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.**

The Dismissal Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.