

Morning Prayer ~ Epiphany Season

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,
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.
Blessed be God for ever.

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. **Amen.**

The Psalm

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

A Song of the New Jerusalem

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

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 kings 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.
**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.
**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.**

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and above you God's glory appears.**

Scripture Reading(s)/ Lectio Divina

Gospel Canticle

(The Song of Zechariah) Luke 1.68-79

**You promised, O God, to save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, •
who has come to his people and set them free.
**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, •
born of the house of his servant David.**
Through his holy prophets God promised of old •
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
**To show mercy to our ancestors, •
and to remember his holy covenant.**
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: •
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**Free to worship him without fear, •
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High, •

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation •
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God •

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, •**

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**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.**

**You promised, O God, to save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.**

A time of open prayer followed by...

The Collect of the day

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

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

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.