

Morning Worship

Epiphany Season



Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

All and all the peoples have seen your glory

Praise

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; ♦
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; ♦
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

**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.**

A hymn

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

A psalm is said.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

This responsory may follow

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

All let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

All Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

**All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

from Psalm 96

Reflection: *a short homily is offered*

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said,

**All This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 **To show mercy to our ancestors,**

and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 **Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

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

9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68–79

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And to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

***All* Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,**

even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Silence may be kept.

The Collect

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Gracious God,
we pray for all your people.
For those who are anxious,
For those whose lives are still restricted,
and for those who are joyful and growing in confidence.
We pray for those who feel vulnerable,
those faced with difficult decisions.
For those who are ready to take next steps,
and for those who are not.
We pray for those who are isolating,
and for those returning after a period of isolation.
As we journey together may we hold one another
in mutual respect and care,
modelling your grace and love in our relationships and communities.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

A hymn

Notices

Prayer of Blessing

The priest gives the blessing, and all respond

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 the blessing of God Almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.

All. **Amen.**

The Conclusion

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

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**