

## Evening Prayer    Epiphany Season

### Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,  
and through the anointing of the Spirit  
you established us as a royal priesthood.  
As you call us into your marvellous light,  
may our lives bear witness to your truth  
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### *A Song of God's Splendour*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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**Opening prayer:**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*The appointed psalmody is said.*

*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.**

## The first reading

*Canticle*

*Refrain:*

**You created all things, O God,  
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

- 1 You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.
- 2 For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
- 4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b,10*

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be  
blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

**You created all things, O God,  
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

## The second reading

*A responsory*

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

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

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

**The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Arise, shine, for your light has come;  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you. from Isaiah 60**

*Gospel Canticle*

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)*

*Refrain:*

**Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

**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.**

**Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

## **Prayers**

*Thanksgiving may be made for the day.*

*Intercessions are offered*

*for peace*

*for individuals and their needs*

*for the unity of the Church and her life,*

*The peace of the world*

*The healing of the sick*

*The revelation of Christ to those from whom*

*his glory is hidden*

*All who travel*

*This response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Collect of the day or the following is said*

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your  
grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Believing the promises of God,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

## **The Conclusion**

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.**

<b>Evening</b>	<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>. Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading</b>
Jan 6 Epiphany	98	Isaiah 60:1-9	John 2:1-11
7	118	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Matthew 20:1-16
8	145	Jer. 30:1-17	Matt. 20:17-28
9	36	Isaiah 61	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
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11	34	Gen. 1:1-19	Matt. 21:18-32
12	45	Gen. 1:20-2:3	Matt. 21:18-32
13	47	Gen. 2:4-end	Matt. 21:33-end
14	61	Gen. 3	Matt. 22:1-14
15	68	Gen. 4:1-16, 25- 26	Matt. 22:15-33
16	85	Gen. 6:1-10	Matt. 22:34-end
17			
18	71	Gen. 6:11-7:10	Matt. 24:1-14
19	89:1-37	Gen. 7:11-end	Matt. 24:15-28
20	97	Gen. 8:1-14	Matt. 24:29-end
21	111	Gen. 8:15-9:7	Matt. 25:1-13
22	73	Gen. 9:8-19	Matt. 25:14-30
23	61	Gen. 11:1-9	Matt. 25:31-end
24			
25 Conversion of St Paul	119:41- 56	Ecclus 39:1-10	Colossians 1:24- 2:7
26	145	Gen. 13:2-end	Matt. 26:17-35
27	29	Gen. 14	Matt. 26:36-46
28	24	Gen. 15	Matt. 26:47-56
29	67	Gen. 16	Matt. 26:57-end
30	72	Gen. 17:1-22	Matt. 27:1-10
CANDLEMAS	SUNDAY		