

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 night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.

Psalm 132

Lord, remember for David
all the hardships he endured;
**How he swore an oath to the Lord
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of
Jacob:**

'I will not come within the shelter of my house,
nor climb up into my bed;

**'I will not allow my eyes to sleep,
nor let my eyelids slumber,**

'Until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

**Now, we heard of the ark in Ephrathah
and found it in the fields of Ja-ar.**

Let us enter his dwelling place
and fall low before his footstool.

**Arise, O Lord, into your resting place,
you and the ark of your strength.**

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness
and your faithful ones sing with joy.

**For your servant David's sake,
turn not away the face of your anointed.**

The Lord has sworn an oath to David,
a promise from which he will not shrink:

**'Of the fruit of your body
shall I set upon your throne.**

'If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their children also shall sit upon your throne for
evermore.'

**For the Lord has chosen Zion for himself;
he has desired her for his habitation:**

'This shall be my resting place for ever;
here will I dwell, for I have longed for her.

**'I will abundantly bless her provision;
her poor will I satisfy with bread.**

'I will clothe her priests with salvation,
and her faithful ones shall rejoice and sing.

**'There will I make a horn to spring up for
David;**

**I will keep a lantern burning for my
anointed.**

'As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame;
but on him shall his crown be bright.'

or

Psalm 96

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

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

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness.**

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

Let the whole earth tremble before him.

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

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness;**

let the whole earth tremble before him.

Scripture may be read

The Benedictus - Luke 1.68-79

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

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.**

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

The Prayers of Intercession

The Collect of the day

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

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.

Morning Prayer For Epiphany



Preparation

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.

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
**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.**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love
is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from
generation to generation.**