

Evening Prayer - Epiphany Season

Invitatory

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 marvelous 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.

O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

Opening Prayer

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

Silence is kept.

As our 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 forever.
Amen.

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Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**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.**

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-5a

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you....

Matthew 28:20b

Jesus said, "Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Canticle

from Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Responsory

from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come;

the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

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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.

The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Prayers

With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

You are invited to share your prayer concerns in the chat or comments that they may be shared in community.

Silence is kept.

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.

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Savior 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.**

Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.

Go in peace.