

# Thursday & daily in Epiphanytide

## THE PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

**AND OUR MOUTH SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.**

Blessèd 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 world,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**BLESSÈD BE GOD FOR EVER!**

God calls us to love one another:

**O COME, LET US WORSHIP.**

*Or, in Epiphanytide:*

God in Christ has revealed his glory:

**O COME, LET US WORSHIP.**

## THE OPENING CANTICLE: A SONG OF GOD'S BLESSING

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,\*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth,\*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;\*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;\*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;\*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing,\*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Glory . . .

Psalm 67

## THE OPENING PRAYER

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

*(Silence)*

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

### THE SECOND CANTICLE:

Either: A SONG OF THE COVENANT

Refrain: **I HAVE GIVEN YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS,\*  
AND I HAVE CALLED YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

- 1 Thus says God, who created the heavens,\*  
who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it;
- 2 Who gives breath to the people upon it\*  
and spirit to those who walk in it,
- 3 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness,\*  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
- 4 'I have given you as a covenant to the people,\*  
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
- 5 'To bring out the captives from the dungeon,\*  
from the prison, those who sit in darkness.
- 6 'I am the Lord, that is my name;\*  
my glory I give to no other.'

Glory . . .

Isaiah 42. 5-8a

**I HAVE GIVEN YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS,\*  
AND I HAVE CALLED YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Or: A SONG OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

Refrain:       **NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT,\*  
AND KINGS TO YOUR DAWNING BRIGHTNESS.**

- 1       Arise, shine out, for your light has come,\*  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
- 2       Though night still covers the earth,\*  
and darkness the peoples;
- 3       Above you the Holy One arises,\*  
and above you God's glory appears.
- 4       The nations will come to your light,\*  
and kings to your dawning brightness.
- 5       Your gates will lie open continually,\*  
shut neither by day nor by night.
- 6       The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,\*  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.
- 7       You will call your walls, Salvation,\*  
and your gates, Praise.
- 8       No more will the sun give you daylight,\*  
nor moonlight shine upon you;
- 9       But the Lord will be your everlasting light,\*  
your God will be your splendour.
- 10      For you shall be called the city of God,\*  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Glory . . .

From Isaiah 60

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE RESPONSORY

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
**LET THE WHOLE EARTH STAND IN AWE OF HIM.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King,  
**O WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.**

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.  
**LET THE WHOLE EARTH STAND IN AWE OF 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 STAND IN AWE OF HIM.**

## THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: BENEDICTUS

*Refrain:*       **WE ARE FREE TO WORSHIP GOD WITHOUT FEAR;\***  
                      **HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.**

*Or, in Epiphanytide:*

**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,\*  
            for he 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 he promised of old,\*  
            that he would save us from our enemies,  
            from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4           He promised to show mercy to our forebears\*  
            and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5           This was the oath he 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           You, my 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.

Glory ....

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## THE PRAYERS

### THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.  
**LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

THE COLLECT of the day, or one of the following.

O God, the author of peace  
and lover of concord,  
whom to know is eternal life,  
whose service is perfect freedom:  
defend us your servants  
from all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your defence,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Or:

Lord our God,  
who anointed your only Son  
with the Spirit at the river Jordan,  
and so hallowed the waters of new birth  
to bring us forth to salvation:  
keep us strong in the life of grace,  
direct the ways of your people,  
and open the door of your Kingdom  
to all who stand upon the threshold of faith;  
through Jesus our Messiah and Saviour . . .

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the unity of all peoples on earth,  
in the words 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.**

## THE CONCLUSION

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life. **AMEN.**

*Or, in Epiphanytide:*

May Christ, the Son of God, gladden our hearts  
with the good news of his Kingdom. **AMEN.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**