

## **Morning Prayer**

### **(Fourth Sunday of Epiphany - Year B)**



The Liturgy Letter

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Your light springs up for the nations  
and all the peoples have seen your glory.  
The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

### **Opening Scripture**

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

-Malachi 1:11

## Hymn - Psalm 111 (Tune: How Firm a Foundation)

### Psalm 111

1. O\_\_ praise ye the Lord with\_\_ all of your heart in the  
2. How glo - r'ous, how glo - r'ous are all of God's ways, Christ's\_\_  
3. The work of the Spir - it is faith - ful and just, we can  
4. How great our re - demp - tion, how awe - some His name, the\_\_

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coun - cil of saints, the as - sem - bly of God. How great are His works, they are  
love and for - give - ness through - out all our days. His won - ders re - mem - bered, His  
trust in God's pro - mis - es hid - den in love. The pow'r of His works and His  
fear of the Lord teach - es us to re - main. In life and in death close to

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pon - dered on high We de - light in His ways, and re - joice in His life.  
gra - cious de - light To pro - vide for His child - ren and clothe them in light.  
faith - ful de - signs are es - ta - blished in blood and or - dained for our life.  
Je - sus who came, to em - bod - y His king - dom and o - pen the grave.

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G G/F G

*Text: Philip Majorins, based on Psalm 111  
Traditional American Melody*

## Confession (From Psalm 51)

Let us confess our sins to God.

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Silence

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice O Lord, according to your faithful love:

He has heard our voice and is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amen.

## Canticle for Epiphany (The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79)

REFRAIN (Congregation)

The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful.

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 Savior, born of the house of his servant David.

*Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful*  
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.

*Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful*

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.

*Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful*

## Psalm of the Week

### Psalm 111 (NIV)

1 Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

2 Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

8 They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

### Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

### Scripture Readings

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

(Stand)

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

(A short silence is kept after the reading of the Gospel)

## Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Intercessions

We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)

We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers, our spiritual leaders)

We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors...

We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life...

To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we are bold to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

*\*If praying with others, stand and hold hands. If praying individually, stand with hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the Orans](#).*

## A Prayer for the Fourth Week after Epiphany (from The Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction (From Luke 2:29-32)

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servants in peace.  
For our eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

Go forth in the light of Christ!  
Let us bless our Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

### Hymn - [Jesus, the Light of the World](#) | [Leadsheet](#)

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night;  
Jesus, the light of the world.*