

# Morning Prayer



The Liturgy Letter

## (Second Sunday of Epiphany - Year B)

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

My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.

-Malachi 1:11

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

Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn king, Jesus, the light of the world.

*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.*

Joyful all ye nations rise, Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace, Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail the Son of righteousness, Jesus, the light of the world.

*Words and Music: George D. Elderkin, 1890*

## Confession (From *The Book of Common Worship*)

Let us confess our sins to God.

Everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being:  
You have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder  
us from knowing your will,  
no weakness keep us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

*Silence*

May the God of love and power  
Forgive you and free you from your sins,  
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
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

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 139:1-6, 13-18 (NIV)

*For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.*

- 1 You have searched me, Lord,  
    and you know me.
  - 2 You know when I sit and when I rise;  
    you perceive my thoughts from afar.
  - 3 You discern my going out and my lying down;  
    you are familiar with all my ways.
  - 4 Before a word is on my tongue  
    you, Lord, know it completely.
  - 5 You hem me in behind and before,  
    and you lay your hand upon me.
  - 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
    too lofty for me to attain...
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- 13 For you created my inmost being;  
    you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

## 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

1 Samuel 3:1-20  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(Stand)

John 1:43-51

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

## The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sisters and brothers, we are called in the light of Christ to intercede for those in need.  
At this time we offer our prayers for the church and the world:

**Intercessions** (*A time of spontaneous prayers and intercessions. Say “out loud” the names and situations that you would like to bring before God.*)

- We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers)
- 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...

Merciful Lord, defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, 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 Second Week after Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. 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!

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