

Morning Prayer

(Third Sunday after Epiphany- Year C)



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.

Invitation to Prayer

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. -Romans 8:26-27, NRSV

Hymn - Hail to the Lords Anointed (Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turns to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers, upon the fruitful earth;
And love and joy, like flowers, spring in His path to birth:
Before Him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To Him shall prayer unceasing, and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end:
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love.

Words by James Montgomery

Confession (From *Psalm 32*)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Psalm 19 (NIV)

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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

[Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:12-31a](#)

(Stand)

[Luke 4:14-21](#)

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

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.

The Prayers of the People

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

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

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

o We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors

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

Jesus, you are the Light of the Nations. 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 Third Week after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction (from 1 Peter 3:18)

May you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

Hymn - Doxology (Old 100th)