

Morning Prayer

Epiphany 2 / Year A



The Liturgy Letter

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Your light springs up for the righteous
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

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.

Chorus

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

Chorus

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.

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.

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 40:1-11 (NIV)

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

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.
4 Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.
5 Many, Lord my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.
6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—
but my ears you have opened—
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
7 Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.
8 I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart.”
9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, Lord,
as you know.
10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.
11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

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

[Isaiah 49:1-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#)

(stand for the reading of the Gospel)

[John 1:29-42](#)

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

The Prayers of the People (from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

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.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for your church around the world, especially those who suffer because of your name in places of conflict. We join in their suffering and pray for those who persecute them.

Silence and free intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for those who lead in serve us in our own community, for our civil and spiritual leaders.

Silence and free intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for those in our own congregation who are directly involved in this task and reflect your image by seeking to cultivate the beauty of your Creation.

Silence and free intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us.

Silence and free intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence and free intercessions

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will 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 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

Go forth in the joy of God's revelation!
Let us bless our Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.