

# Morning Prayer Form

## Epiphany 6 - 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

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.  
-Isaiah 49:6b

## Hymn - All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
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Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
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## Confession

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart  
-Psalm 119:1-2

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.  
-from Psalm 51

### *Silence*

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. -from Psalm 32

Brothers and Sisters,  
God offers forgiveness to those who turn to Him in true repentance.  
Therefore, trust in Christ, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.  
Trusting in God's covenant love, declare with me the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **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.

### **Psalm 119:1-8 (NIV)**

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- 1 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart—
- 3 they do no wrong  
but follow his ways.
- 4 You have laid down precepts  
that are to be fully obeyed.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!
- 6 Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.

7 I will praise you with an upright heart  
as I learn your righteous laws.  
8 I will obey your decrees;  
do not utterly forsake me.

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## **Scripture Readings**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*(Please stand)*

**Matthew 5:21-37**

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

## **Confession of Faith - The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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, our baptism calls us 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...

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 Collect for the Sixth Week after Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Benediction**

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

**We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.**

Let us bless our Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Refrain)**

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