

Morning Prayer
Epiphany Season - Tuesday 12th January 2021
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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.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
king of the nations,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit
that we may witness to your gospel
and sing your praise in all the earth.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 9

1I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart; ♦
I will tell of all your marvellous works.
2I will be glad and rejoice in you; ♦
I will make music to your name, O Most High.

3When my enemies are driven back, ♦

they stumble and perish at your presence.

4For you have maintained my right and my cause; ♦

you sat on your throne giving righteous judgement.

5You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; ♦

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6The enemy was utterly laid waste. ♦

You uprooted their cities;

their very memory has perished.

7But the Lord shall endure for ever; ♦

he has made fast his throne for judgement.

8For he shall rule the world with righteousness ♦

and govern the peoples with equity.

9Then will the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, ♦

a refuge in the time of trouble.

10And those who know your name will put their trust in you, ♦

for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

11Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion; ♦

declare among the peoples the things he has done.

12The avenger of blood has remembered them; ♦

he did not forget the cry of the oppressed.

13Have mercy upon me, O Lord; ♦

consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,

you that lift me up from the gates of death;

14That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion ♦

and rejoice in your salvation.

15The nations shall sink into the pit of their making ♦

and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken.

16The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice; ♦

the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands.

17They shall return to the land of darkness, ♦

all the nations that forget God.

18For the needy shall not always be forgotten ♦

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand; ♦

let the nations be judged before your face.

**20Put them in fear, O Lord, ♦
that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Remember, Lord, all who cry to you
from death's dark gates;
do not forget those whom the world forgets,
but raise your faithful ones to Zion's gate,
with your all-conquering Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Canticle

**Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.**

1Arise, shine out, for your light has come, ♦
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

**2Though night still covers the earth, ♦
and darkness the peoples;**

3Above you the Holy One arises, ♦
and above you God's glory appears.

**4The nations will come to your light, ♦
and kings to your dawning brightness.**

5Your gates will lie open continually, ♦
shut neither by day nor by night.

**6The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, ♦
or ruin and devastation within your borders.**

7You will call your walls, Salvation, ♦
and your gates, Praise.

**8No more will the sun give you daylight, ♦
nor moonlight shine upon you;**

9But the Lord will be your everlasting light, ♦
your God will be your splendour.

**10For you shall be called the city of God, ♦
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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and above you God's glory appears.**

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1.18-end

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and

righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

There will be a brief time of silence before the Responsory for reflection

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Tell out his salvation from day to day.
Let the whole earth tremble before him.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

The Benedictus

**They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as an eagle.**

**+ 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 Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
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.**

**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.**

Luke 1.68-79

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as an eagle.**

Prayers for the world, for others and for our parish will be offered, using
the response:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said:

Almighty God,
who endowed Aelred the abbot
with the gift of Christian friendship
and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness:
grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection,
so that, in loving one another,
we may know the love of Christ
and rejoice in the eternal possession

of your supreme goodness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. . **Amen**

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God .

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