

Evening Prayer
First Sunday of Epiphany

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God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him. *1 John 4.16*

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalms 143.2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8,9*

Introduction

Dearly beloved,
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy.
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise,
to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.
Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

All **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,**

righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

O Lord, open thou our lips
All **and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All **The Lord's name be praised.**

Hymn

HOW vain the cruel Herod's fear,
When told that Christ the King is near!
He takes not earthly realms away,
Who gives the realms that ne'er decay.

The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on his guiding star;
By light their way to light they trod,
And by their gifts confessed their God.

All glory, Jesus Christ, to thee
For this thy glad Epiphany
Whom with the Father we adore

And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our hope and strength *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.**
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 **The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.**
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed *
God shall help her, and that right early.
- 6 **The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved *
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.**
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 **O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord *
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.**
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world *
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
- 10 **Be still then, and know that I am God *
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.**
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto

truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 2.1-10

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love

wherewith he loved us,
 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us
 together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit
 together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding
 riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through
 Christ Jesus.
 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of
 yourselves: it is the gift of God:
 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
 unto good works, which God hath before ordained that
 we should walk in them.

Nunc dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
 according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :
 thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :
 before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
 shall be : world without end. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
 almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick
 and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**
 Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon
 thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for
 us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the
 prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant
 that they may both perceive and know what things they
 ought to do, and also may have grace and power
 faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good
 counsels, and all just works do proceed;
 give unto thy servants that peace which the world
 cannot give;
 that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy
 commandments,
 and also that, by thee, we being defended from the
 fear of our enemies
 may pass our time in rest and quietness;
 through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
All **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
 and by thy great mercy defend us
 from all perils and dangers of this night;
 for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus
 Christ.
All **Amen.**

Homily

Prayers

Hymn

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.
All Amen.