



# Evening Prayer

Season  
after  
Epiphany  
2021

## Preparatory Silence

*A minute of silence is kept, during which the following prayer may be used privately in the silence of your heart. It is the prayer appointed for 'Before Worship,' #64 on page 833 of the BCP*

O Almighty God,  
you pour out your spirit of grace  
and of supplication upon all who ask:  
Deliver us, when we draw near to you,  
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind,  
that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections  
we may worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Gathering

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God of all,

to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

You gave the Christ as a light to the nations,

and through the anointing of his Spirit

you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into his marvelous light,

may our lives bear witness to your truth

and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessèd be God for ever!**

# Song of Light

*During the song of light the people light the candle.*

**O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

# Penitence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **Psalmody**

*The appointed Psalm/s are read, then the doxology is said.*

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

# **Canticle — A Song of Christ's Appearing**

*Manifestum est - 1 Timothy 3: 16; 6: 16*

- 1. Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh\*  
and vindicated in the spirit.**
- 2. He was seen by angels\*  
and proclaimed among the nations.**
- 3. Believed in throughout the world,\*  
he was taken up in glory.**
- 4. This will be made manifest at the proper time\*  
by the blessed and only Sovereign,**
- 5. Who alone has immortality,\*  
and dwells in unapproachable light.**

**To the King of kings and Lord of lords\*  
be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.**

## Gospel Responsory

Arise, shine, for your light has come:

**the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

**a light no darkness can quench.**

Alleluia. Your glory, Christ, is manifest:

**All peoples, Lord, by you are blest. Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

A reading from...

*After the reading is said*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches :

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Song of Mary**

- 1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**
- 2. From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.**
- 3. He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.**
- 4. He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**5. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**6. He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**7. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**8. The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# The Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

O Lord, answer us in the day of trouble;  
**send us help from your holy place.**

Show us the path of life:  
**for in your presence is joy.**

Give justice to the orphan and oppressed:  
**and break the power of wickedness and evil.**

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful:

**and grant them the help for which they long.**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad:

**may your glory endure for ever.**

Your kingship has dominion over all:

**and with you is our redemption.**

*Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.*

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

## Concluding Collect

Support us, O Lord,  
all the day long of this arduous life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the unity of all peoples on earth,  
in the words our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*The Officiant prays the Collect of the Day*

## Concluding Sentences

May Christ, the Son of God, gladden our hearts  
with the good news of the Kingdom.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**