

Evening Prayer for Epiphany Season ¹

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of the Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into your marvellous light,
may our lives bear witness to your truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Opening prayer:

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

¹ Based on *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, Daily Prayer*. London: Church House Publishing, 2005.

The Word of God

Psalm(s)

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All **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.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a reflection.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary):

All **Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,**
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour 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, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

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the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

Prayers

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

That the people of God in all the world
may worship in spirit and in truth,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will, let us pray to
the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray
to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious
liberty of the children of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
may rest in peace and rise in glory,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way,
to the mercy and protection of God.

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

(or)

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Conclusion

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

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.