

Morning Prayer, Time after the Epiphany 2026

Gathering

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of our Baptism.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory.

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.

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

The Venite: O Come

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise our joyful praise to God with psalms.**

For our God is a great God
and a ruler great above all gods.

**In God's hand are all the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is our God's for he made it,
and God's hands prepared the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For God is our God,
**and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.**

It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.**

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.

**The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

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.**

Silence for reflection

The Word

*Readings are offered from Scripture or other sources. Hearing the Word is followed by a time
for reflection and meditation.*

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” *Isaiah 49*

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³ *John 1:35- 37*

GOSPEL CANTICLE: *The Benedictus, the Song of Zachariah is read responsively*

Blessed are you, Adonai, God of Israel;
you have come to your people and set us free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our ancestors Sarah and Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight, all the days of our lives.

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.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning
and will be forever, world without end. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

We join in prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. A time of silence follows each petition for our own prayers. The prayers conclude with the Morning Collect and the Lord's Prayer.
Christ is our light and our life. Let us offer the prayers of our hearts to God.

A brief silence for reflection and prayer...

O God, you created us and you love us as our father; like a mother hen gathers her brood you embrace us: teach us to trust you and help us all to know that you love us completely. Help us to trust that you will always answer our prayers and that we must not only ask, but also listen and look for the answer.

We pray for those in the grip of suffering or disease that they may know wholeness. We pray for those who hate, that they may learn to love. We pray for those who suffer at the hands of others and for those whose lives and liberty are overtaken by causes which are not their own. Grant, Lord that all people may live without fear and hatred as they walk in your ways.

We pray for people of faith throughout the world to have strength to live out the tenets of love, charity, and reconciliation. We pray for the Church, that light may shine in darkness that all may know the true love of our Lord Jesus Christ and that we may be unafraid to confess that we are Christians.

We pray for those in government and those in power among the nations that they may rule with wisdom and justice, with respect for the dignity and humanity of those in their care. Give us courage, O Christ, to be a voice for those whose voices are silenced or oppressed, to speak truth and work for justice.

We pray for all who suffer in mind or body and for those who care for them. We pray for the sorrowful, for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We pray for any known to us whose needs are on our hearts, and we remember them now before God's healing mercy... *Silence* Bring wholeness to those whose needs we have named, and those whose needs are known only to you.

THE MORNING COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Blessing and Benediction

Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us. **Amen.**