**Morning Prayer Rite II**

**Christmas and Epiphany**

**Opening Sentence for Christmas**

**Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God**. *Revelation 21:3*

**Opening Sentence for Epiphany**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.** *Malachi 1:11*

*The Officiant says*

**Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of  
Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to  
hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf  
of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our  
salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and  
mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with  
penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may  
obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.**

**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.**

*The Officiant alone says*

**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.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

**V: Lord, open our lips.  
R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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.**

**Alleluia**

**Venite** **Alleluia. To us a child is born:  
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The earth is the Lord’s for he made it:Come let us adore him.**

**The Psalm Appointed**

**Dec 26:** [Psalm 119:105-112](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=472136122) **Jan 2:** [Psalm 9](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=472136147) **Jan 9:** [Psalm 44](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=472136175) **Jan 16:** [Psalm 79](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=472136205) **Jan 23:** [Psalm 110](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=472136226) **Jan 30:** [Psalm 144](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=472136246) **Feb 6:** [Psalm 30](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017439) **Feb 13:** [Psalm 68](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017467)  **Feb 20:** [Psalm102](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017487) **Feb 27:** [Psalm 120](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017512)

**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 Lessons**

**Dec 26:** [1 Samuel 1:1-2,7b-28](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017858) **Jan 2:** [Wisdom of Solomon 7:3-14](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017885)**Jan 9:** [Genesis 1:1-2:3](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017912) **Jan 16:** [Genesis 7:1-10,17-23](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017931)**Jan 23:** [Genesis 13:2-18](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507017954)**Jan 30:** [**Genesis 18:16-33**](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018438) **Feb 6:** [Genesis 24:50-67](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018468) **Feb 13:** [Genesis 29:20-35](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018490) **Feb 20:** [Proverbs 1:20-33](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018574) **Feb 27:** [Ecclesiasticus 48:1-11](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018591)

**Here ends the Reading.**

**The Song of Zechariah**

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**

**that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he 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.**

**You, my 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 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.**

**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**

**A Reading from**

**Dec 26:** [Luke 2:22-40](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018842) **Jan 2:** [John 6:41-47](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018861) **Jan 9:** [John 1:29-34](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018889) **Jan 16:** [Mark 3:7-19](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018905) **Jan 23:** [Mark 7:31-37](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018921)**Jan 30:** [Mark 8:22-30](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018949)**Feb 6:** [Mark 10:13-22](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018967) **Feb 13:** [Mark 10:23-31](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507018984) **Feb 20:** [Mark 10:35-45](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507019002) **Feb 27:** [Luke 9:18-27](https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=507019019)

**Here ends the Reading.**

**You Are God**

**You are God: we praise you;**

**You are the Lord: we acclaim you;**

**You are the eternal Father:**

**All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,**

**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;**

**Father, of majesty unbounded,**

**your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,**

**and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,**

**the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free**

**you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death**

**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,**

**bought with the price of your own blood,**

**and bring us with your saints**

**to glory everlasting.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

**V: The Lord be with you.  
R: *And also with you.*  
Let us pray.**

**Our Father, who art 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. 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages B**

**V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;**

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

**V. Day by day we bless you;**

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

**V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;**

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

**V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;**

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

**V. In you, Lord, is our hope;**

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

**Collect of the Day for Christmas Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day for Epiphany O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A Collect for Sundays O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.**

**A Prayer for Mission Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Your intercessions and thanksgiving are invited***

**The General Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Let us bless the Lord.   
*Thanks be to God.***

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*