

## Epiphany Service of Morning Prayer for Sundays

### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your light springs up for the righteous

**And all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, king of the nations, to you be praise and glory forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world. As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit that we may witness to your gospel and sing your praise in all the earth. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

### Confession

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept*

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love: your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
Forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make and make us holy to serve him in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Collect**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading:**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel:**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon or Reflection:**

### **Hymn:**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Responsory**

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

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King  
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

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.**

## The Benedictus

**To us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
and all the heavenly hosts now sing, Glory to God in the  
highest.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate  
us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
10 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 shall be forever.  
Amen.**

## Prayers:

### The Lord's Prayer:

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us so we pray **Our Father**.....

## Hymn:

## **Conclusion**

**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.**

May God who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light  
Bless us and fill us with peace. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**  
**here and everywhere now and forever. Amen.**