

**Evening Prayer Epiphany Season Wednesday, 1 February 2023**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**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.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

*J S B Monsell*

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

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. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 118**

**I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, ♦  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

4 Let those who fear the Lord proclaim, ♦  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

5 In my constraint I called to the Lord; ♦  
the Lord answered and set me free.

6 The Lord is at my side; I will not fear; ♦  
what can flesh do to me?

7 With the Lord at my side as my saviour, ♦  
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.

8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord ♦  
than to put any confidence in flesh.

9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord ♦  
than to put any confidence in princes.

10 All the nations encompassed me, ♦  
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

11 They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on every side, ♦  
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

12 They swarmed about me like bees; they blazed like fire among thorns, ♦  
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

13 Surely, I was thrust to the brink, ♦  
but the Lord came to my help.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦  
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦  
sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live ♦  
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦  
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦  
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦  
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦  
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦  
link the pilgrims with cords  
right to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦  
you are my God and I will exalt you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.

**I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.**

*Saving God,  
open the gates of righteousness,  
that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple  
on the cornerstone of our salvation,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.**

### **1 Samuel 1.19b-28**

Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her,

along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'  
She left him there for the Lord.

**You created all things, O God, and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

1 You are worthy, our Lord and God, ♦  
to receive glory and honour and power.

2 For you have created all things, ♦  
and by your will they have their being.

3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, ♦  
and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God, ♦  
and they will reign with you on earth.

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10*

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**You created all things, O God, and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

### **Hebrews 4.11-16**

Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Arise, shine, for your light has come;  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

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

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Arise, shine, for your light has come;  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

*from Isaiah 60*

**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*

**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.**

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

***Prayers***

***Thanksgiving may be made for the day.***

***Intercessions are offered***

***¶ for peace***

***¶ for individuals and their needs***

***The Collect***

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

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

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

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

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

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