

Evening Prayer 25th January 2026

3rd of Epiphany Christian Unity

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Preparation

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3.14,15

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord.

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.

Confession

We have come together as God's family to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church and for the renewal of our common life.

The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion. In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: 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 *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of God

Psalm 33: 1-12

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Canticle

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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and are worthy of our praise for ever.

1 Peter 1.3-12

Responsory

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

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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.

The Magnificat

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.

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.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

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 his 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.

Prayers

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.

The Prayer of Christ the King

Christ Our King
Fill us with your love
that we may gladly speak for you,
work for you and live our whole life for you
until all join with us in endless praise of you. Amen

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through 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.

Reflection

The Conclusion

Gracious and loving God,
expand our vision
that it may be wide enough
to recognise the beautiful complexity
of the tapestry you chose to weave
with each and every one of us.
Gather our frayed edges,
our loose ends
and bind us together for your glory. Amen.

Notices

Lines are unmuted (*1)

The Grace

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.