

Morning Prayer

Epiphany Season

Epiphany meaning 'great revelation' or 'realisation'.

During this season, through the visit of the Magi, his baptism, the first miracle at Cana, and his presentation at the Temple, we see Christ revealed to us as the Son of God.



The Visit of the Magi

Gathering

An informal welcome is given.

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 for ever. 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 praises in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 72

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

May he defend the cause of the poor; deliver the children of the needy, and overcome the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

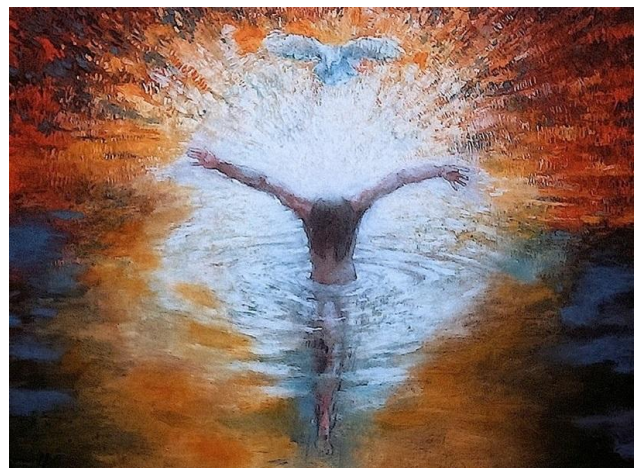
May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.

In this time may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Glory to God the Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Reading from Scripture

This may be followed by a brief reflection.



The Baptism of Christ

A Response

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

The nations will come to your light, and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will lie open continually, shut neither by day nor by night.

You will call your walls, Salvation, and your gates, Praise.

The Lord will be your everlasting light; your God will be your splendour.

Blessed be God for ever.



The First Miracle at Cana

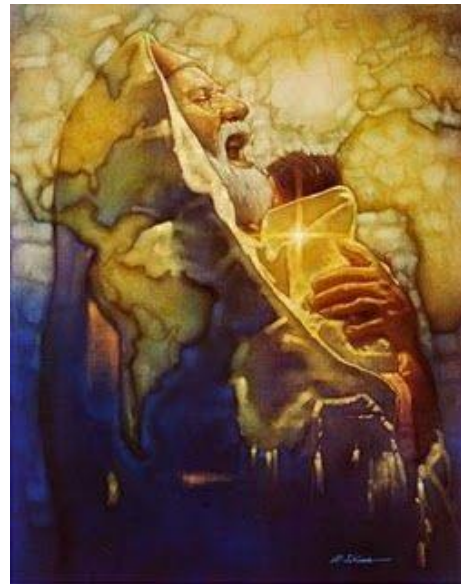
A Time of Prayer

Please take a moment to hold before God the people and things on your heart today.

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Presentation of Christ at the Temple

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Amen.

We go into the world to walk in God's light and to reflect God's love.

Thanks be to God.