

Evening Prayer, Epiphany Season
Sunday, 9 January 2022, The Baptism of Christ

Preparation

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.

HYMN

This opening prayer may be said

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

Silence is kept.

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.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, ◆
a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ◆
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell, ◆
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ◆
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed; ◆
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ◆
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**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.**

Psalm 47

Refrain: O sing praises to God, sing praises.

Clap your hands together, all you peoples; ♦
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦
he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdued the peoples under us ♦
and the nations under our feet.

He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; ♦
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; ♦
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples are gathered together ♦
with the people of the God of Abraham.

For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦
and he is very highly exalted.

**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.**

Refrain: O sing praises to God, sing praises.

Canticle

Refrain:

**Salvation belongs to our God,
who will guide us to springs of living water.**

Behold, a great multitude ♦
which no one could number,

From every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and tongues, ♦
standing before the throne and the Lamb.

They were clothed in white robes
and had palms in their hands, ♦
and they cried with a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, ♦
and to the Lamb.'

These are they
who have come out of the great tribulation, ♦
they have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb;

Therefore they stand before the throne of God, ♦
whom they serve day and night within the temple.

And the One who sits upon the throne ♦
will shelter them with his presence.

They shall never again feel hunger or thirst, ♦
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the heart of the throne ♦
will be their Shepherd,

He will guide them to springs of living water, ♦
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.9, 10, 14b-17

**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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who will guide us to springs of living water.**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55.1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat

Refrain:

**Draw water from the wells of salvation,
for Christ our Lord has made creation holy.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

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.**

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Prayers

The Collect of the day is said

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;

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.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 Conclusion

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.