*Morning Prayer
Epiphany Season
Sunday, 24 January 2021
The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips
***All* and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your light springs up for the righteous
***All* and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

***One or more of the following is said or sung:***

***this or another prayer of thanksgiving***

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 praise in all the earth.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

***a suitable hymn, or Jubilate – A Song of Joy***

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; *♦*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God; *♦*
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; *♦*
give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, *♦*
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Psalm 100*

***All* 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.**

***This opening prayer may be said***

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
***All* Amen.**

**The Word of God**

***Psalmody***

***The appointed psalmody is said.***

## Psalm 128

1  Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, •
   and walk in his ways.
2  You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; •
   it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.
3  Your wife within your house
      shall be like a fruitful vine; •
   your children round your table,
      like fresh olive branches.
4  Thus shall the one be blest •
   who fears the Lord.
5  The Lord from out of Zion bless you, •
   that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
      all the days of your life.
6  May you see your children’s children, •
   and may there be peace upon Israel.

***All* 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.**

***Canticle***

***A Song of the New Jerusalem,***

***Refrain:***

***All* Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God’s glory appears.**

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

2 Though night still covers the earth, *♦*
and darkness the peoples;

3 Above you the Holy One arises, *♦*
and above you God’s glory appears.

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

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

6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, *♦*
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

7 You will call your walls, Salvation, *♦*
and your gates, Praise.

8 No more will the sun give you daylight, *♦*
nor moonlight shine upon you;

9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light, *♦*
your God will be your splendour.

10 For you shall be called the city of God, *♦*
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b*

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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and above you God’s glory appears.**

***Scripture Reading***

## John 2.1-11

## The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ 4And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ 5His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ 6Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Prayers**

***Intercessions***

Lord, in your mercy
**hear our prayer**

***Silence may be kept.***

***The Collect of the day is said***

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.
***All* Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer is said***

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

***All* 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.
***All* Amen.**

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

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