



# Morning Prayer

Sunday, January 10, 2021

First Sunday after the Epiphany

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant:* I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (*Isaiah 49:6b*)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People:** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE INVITATORY

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory:

**People:** Come, let us adore him.

## THE VENITE (*Psalms 95:1-7*)

**All:** Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## PSALM 98

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**All:            Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen!**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (1:1-5)**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader:*     The Word of the Lord.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

### **A SONG OF EZEKIEL**

*Ezekiel 36:24-28*

**All:            I will take you from among all nations; and gather you from all lands to bring you home. I will  
sprinkle clean water upon you; and purify you from false gods and uncleanness. A new heart  
I will give you and a new spirit put within you. I will take the stone heart from your chest and  
give you a heart of flesh. I will help you walk in my laws and cherish my commandments and  
do them. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

### **A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (19:1-7)**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader:*     The Word of the Lord.

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

### **A SONG OF GOD'S LOVE (Canticle N)**

*1 John 4:7-11*

**All:            Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. Whoever does not love does not know God,  
for God is Love. In this the love of God was revealed among us, that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Jesus Christ. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and  
sent his Son that sins might be forgiven. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one  
another. For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.**

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (1:4-11)

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

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

*Officiant:* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**People:** Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Officiant:* Day by day we bless you;

**People:** We praise your name for ever.

*Officiant:* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**People:** Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**People:** For we put our trust in you.

*Officiant:* In you, Lord, is our hope;

**People:** And we shall never hope in vain.

## THE COLLECTS

### *The Collect of the Day*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *A Collect for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**All:**        **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant:*    Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

**People:**      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

