

Evening Prayer in the season after Epiphany

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

- *Isaiah 40:5*



The Invitatory and Psalter

EOW, p. 20

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People Come quickly to help us, O God.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Antiphon

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst.

All O come let us worship.

Light of the World, *Phos hilaron*

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All Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.

Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;

Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Psalm

The people sit.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The First Lesson

All My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Second Lesson

Silence may be kept after the reading.

All Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 *The People stand or kneel*

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People **And listen to our prayer.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All **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.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

The Officiant then says the collects, the people respond Amen.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 228-235

One of these prayers for mission is added

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O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

or the following

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be invited at this point.

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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

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.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*



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