



St. John's Chapeltown
**Morning
Prayer
for Epiphany**

Gathering to pray

A Scripture sentence may be used:

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; from my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.
Malachi 1.11

For it is the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4.6

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life'
John 8.12

We pray together:

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.

Blessèd 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.
Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
blessèd be God for ever!

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.
Amen.

Listening to God

The Psalm of the day

ending with

**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.**

*Scripture Readings:
Old and New Testament*

These responses may follow

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King:
**O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness.**

Tell out his salvation from day to day:
Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples:
**O worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

from Psalm 96

Gospel Canticle

One of the following canticles may be said:

A SONG OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

- 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

**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.**

BENEDICTUS – THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

- 1 Now bless the God of Israel
who comes in love and power,
who raises from the royal house
deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.
- 2 Remembering the covenant
God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness
and peace from year to year.
And you, my child, shall go before,
to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love,
the grace of God most high.
- 3 In tender mercy, God will send
the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life
for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace,
that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One,
O worship and adore!

based on Luke 1.68-79 (tune: I heard the voice of Jesus say)

A SONG OF THE BLESSED

**Rejoice and be glad,
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

- 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
- 3 Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
- 4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
- 5 Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
- 7 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
- 8 Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

**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.**

**Rejoice and be glad,
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

Talking to God

*Intercessions are offered;
then the church's prayer (Collect) for the day is said.*

One of these prayers may also be used.

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.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you:
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have the grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eternal God,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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

Our Father in heaven...

Going with God's grace

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.



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