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COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us with your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by your governance, may be righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benedicamus and Blessing.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you (*us*) all.

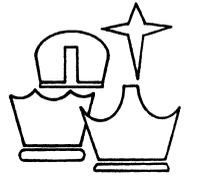
Amen.

(Silent prayer)

The Lessons and Prayers of the Church at

MATINS

(morning lessons and prayers)



EPIPHANY

A hymn of invocation to the Holy Spirit or another hymn may be sung.

Opening Versicles, Gloria Patri, and Laus Tibi (ascription of praise)

O Lord, open my lips;

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be 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.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

THE VENITE

One of the following EPIPHANY Invitatories precedes and follows the the Venite.

a. The Word became flesh, and we have seen His glory.

b. The Christ has appeared unto us.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

The Venite

Psalm 95:1-7a

(chanted versions: LSB pp. 220f; 236f / LW pp. 209f; 237f / TLH pp. 33f)

The Office Hymn

glorify Your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

IN LATE AFTERNOON

O Lord, our dwelling place and our peace, You have pity on our weaknesses, put far from us all worry and fearfulness that, having confessed our sins and commending ourselves to your gracious mercy, we may, when night shall come, commit ourselves, our work, and all we love into Your keeping, receiving from You the gift of quiet sleep; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

IN THE EVENING

O Lord God, the life of all the living, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the blessed dead, grant us a peaceful night free from all disturbance that after a time of quiet slumber we may by your goodness be endued in the new day with the guidance of Your Holy Spirit and enabled in peace to render thanks to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(The final collect is always the Collect for Peace)

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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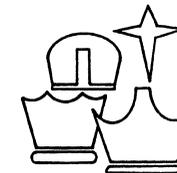
Amen.

(Silent prayer)

The Lessons and Prayers of the Church at

VESPERS

(evening lessons and prayers)



EPIPHANY

A hymn of invocation to the Holy Spirit or another hymn may be sung.

Opening Versicles, Gloria Patri, and Laus Tibi (ascription of praise)

O Lord, open my lips;

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be 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.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

THE PSALMS

An antiphon suitable to the EPIPHANY season, such as the following, may precede and follow each Psalm.

- a. Come, you peoples of the earth;
drink from the wells of the Savior.
- b. Give to the Lord glory and strength.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- c. The Lord has made known His Word. Alleluia!
The Word of His salvation. Alleluia, alleluia!
- d. A Light to lighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.
- e. We have seen His star in the East,
and have come to worship Him.

One or more Psalms are sung or said, each concluding with the Gloria Patri.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

One or more Scripture Lessons follow.

After each reading follows:

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

After the final reading follows the Responsory for EPIPHANY

Arise, shine, for your Light has come,

and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

And nations shall come to your Light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

And the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

And the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

(Isaiah 60:1, 3)

A Hymn may follow.

The Sermon

may follow.

The offerings may be received.

The Office Hymn

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Then may be said or chanted the Versicle.

Let my prayer be set before You as incense,

And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

(Psalm 141:2)

The following EPIPHANY antiphon for the MAGNIFICAT may precede and follow the canticle.

Our Lord and Savior, begotten before all ages,

revealed himself to the world. Alleluia.

The Magnificat

The song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

(chanted versions: LSB pp. 231f, 248f / LW pp. 228f or 225f / TLH pp. 43f)

(or the hymn version, LSB 933-935 / LW 211 / TLH 275).

or

The following antiphon for the may precede and follow the NUNC DIMITTIS (for after dark)

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Nunc Dimittis

The song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

(chanted versions: LSB pp. 165, 182, 199f / LW pp. 152f, 173f, 230f / TLH pp. 29f, 43f)

(or LSB 211, 937-938 / LW 185 / TLH 137)

THE PRAYERS

The EVENING SUFFRAGES, the GREAT LITANY,

or another suitable LITANY may be used instead of the following.

(LSB pp. 282f, 285f, or 288f / LW pp. 273-287 / TLH pp. 110-118 and TLH 661)

The Prayers: The Kyrie, the Lord's Prayer, the Salutation and the Collects.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in heaven...

The Lord be with you.

OR O Lord, hear my prayer.

And with your spirit.

And let my cry come to You.

Let us pray...

Each collect may be preceded with a versicle befitting the EPIPHANY season and the subject of the prayer, such as the following:

a. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents. Alleluia!

The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. Alleluia!

b. All who are from Sheba will come. Alleluia!

They shall bring gold and incense. Alleluia!

c. Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations. Alleluia!

Praise Him, all you people. Alleluia!

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AT MID-AFTERNOON (VESPERS)

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our doings begun, continued, and ended in You we may