

## Morning Prayer

### Saturday after the Epiphany

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

*Isaiah 60:3*

### Invitatory and Psalter

**BCP p. 80**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

### Venite

***Psalm 95:1-7***

*The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.*

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!

*The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.*

### Psalm 138

**BCP p. 793**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*

before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name \*

and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; \*

you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.  
Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.  
The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

**Psalm 139**

**BCP p. 794**

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.  
You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"  
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.  
For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.  
My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.  
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!  
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.  
[Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! \*  
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.  
They speak despitefully against you; \*  
your enemies take your Name in vain.

Do I not hate those, O LORD, who hate you? \*  
and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
I hate them with a perfect hatred; \*  
they have become my own enemies.  
Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.  
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.]  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson Jer. 23:1-8**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.  
Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, "As the LORD lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt," but "As the LORD lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them." Then they shall live in their own land.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **12. A Song of Creation     *Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65***

*Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *II The Earth and its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *III The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### *Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

### **The Second Lesson John 10:7-17**

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **19. The Song of the Redeemed      *Revelation 15:3-4***

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP p. 96**

**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

BCP p. 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**  
**Forgive us our sins,**  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
and deliver us from evil.  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645**

Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness; that, like your servant William Laud, we may live in your fear, die in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP p. 101**

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*