

Morning Prayer - Thursday and daily in Epiphanytide

PREPARATION

Na, ka haere mai ētahi māki i te Rāwhiti ki Hiruharama, ka mea, “Kei hea ia kua whānau nei hei kīngi mo ngā Hūrai? Kua kite hoki mātou i tōna whetū i te Rāwhiti, a kua tae mai nei mātou ki a ia.”

Matiu 2.1b, 2

E te Matua i te Rangi
Nā tōu whetū korōria i ārahi ngā tohunga o onamata
Kia tūtaki ki te kīngi o ngā kīngi
E takoto ana i te whare kararehe
Uakina ngā matapihi o te rangi
Kia kite mātou i te tama a te Atua
Me te whakapono
Ko ia tūturu te Karaiti te Tama e tāria nei. **Āmine.**

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, ruler of the nations,
to you be glory and praise 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 world,
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life:

Blessèd be God for ever!

The following is said:

God calls us to love one another:

O come let us worship.

Or, in Epiphanytide:

God's glory has been revealed in Christ:

O come, let us worship.

Or, on feasts of Teachers & Confessors:

(Alleluia!) Christ speaks the truth in every age:

O come, let us worship. (Alleluia!)

Or, on feasts of Bishops:

(Alleluia!) Christ feeds the flock in every age:

O come, let us worship. (Alleluia!)

An opening psalm or canticle may be used.

A hymn may be sung.

THE 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 may be 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD — see the introduction page iv
the Psalm(s) - the following may be used, those in the Lectionary, or those in the Alternate Table of Psalms page

Week 1 & Sundays in Epiphany — Psalm 67

- 1 Be gracious to us O God and bless us:
and make the light of your face
to shine upon us,
- 2 that your ways may be known upon earth:
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy:
for you judge the peoples righteously,
and guide the nations on earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has yielded its harvest:
and you our God will bless us.
- 7 Your blessing O God be upon us:
and let all the ends of the world revere you.

*Merciful God,
creator of all the peoples of the earth
and lover of every soul;
have compassion on all who do not know you,
let your gospel be preached with grace and power
to those who have not heard it,
turn the hearts of those who oppose it,
and bring home to your fold
all who have gone astray;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Week 2 and Mondays in Epiphany — Psalm 99

- 1 You are king O Lord, and the people tremble:
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim,
and the earth is quaking.
- 2 You O Lord are great upon your holy mountain:
you are exalted over all the nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:
holy are you and mighty,
a king who delights in justice.
- 4 You have established equity:
you have dealt justice and righteousness
in Jacob.
- 5 We proclaim your greatness O Lord our God:
we bow down before your
footstool for you are holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those
who called on your name:

- these called to you O Lord and you answered.
- 7 You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud:
they kept your teachings
and the law that you gave them.
- 8 You answered them O Lord our God:
to them you were a God who forgives,
though you punished their offences.
- 9 We proclaim your greatness O Lord our God:
we bow down towards your holy hill,
for you O Lord our God are holy.

*Almighty God,
your Son revealed in signs and wonders
the greatness of your saving love;
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Week 3 & Tuesdays in Epiphany — Psalm 97

- 1 You are king O Lord, let the earth be glad:
let the many islets and coastlands rejoice.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about you:
righteousness and justice are
the foundation of your throne.
- 3 Fire goes before you:
and burns up your enemies on every side.
- 4 The world is lit up by your lightnings:
and earth trembles at the sight.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before you:
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim your righteousness:
and all the peoples see your glory.
- 7 Shame on all who worship images,
and glory in their worthless idols:
bow down before the Lord all you gods.
- 8 Jerusalem hears and is glad:
the cities of Judah rejoice O Lord
at your judgments.
- 9 For you Lord are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all the gods.
- 10 You love those who hate evil:
you preserve the lives of your servants,
and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has dawned for the righteous:
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord you righteous:
and give thanks to God's holy name.

*Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live;
lead our sages to wisdom and our rulers to reverence. Amen.*

Week 4 & Wednesdays in Epiphany — Psalm 21

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength O Lord:
how greatly he exults in your victory.
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire:
and not denied him the request of his lips.
- 3 You come to meet him
with the blessings of success:
and set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him:
length of days for ever and ever.
- 5 Great is his glory because of your victory:
splendour and majesty you have laid upon him.
- 6 You have given him everlasting felicity:
and you make him glad with joy
in your presence.
- 7 For the king puts his trust in the Lord:
and through the steadfast love
of God most high, he will remain unshaken.
- 13 Arise O Lord in your strength:
and we will sing and praise your power.

*Merciful 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 Redeemer. Amen.*

Week 5 & Thursdays in Epiphany — Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord you heavenly powers:
ascribe to the Lord all glory and might.
- 2 Ascribe due honour to God's holy name:
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
it is the glorious God
who makes the thunder upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is power:
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf:
and Sirion like a young wild bull.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning:
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to writhe,
and strips the forests bare:
while in God's temple all cry, 'Glory'.
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the waters:
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
- 10 You Lord will give strength to your people:
you will give your people the blessing of peace.

*God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Week 6 & Fridays in Epiphany — Psalm 57

- 1 Be merciful to me O God, be merciful:
for I have made you my refuge.
- 2 In the shadow of your wings I take shelter:
until the storms of destruction pass by.
- 3 I call to you O God most high:
for you fulfil your purpose for me.
- 4 You will send from heaven and save me,
you will put to shame those
who would trample me down:
you will send forth
your steadfast love and faithfulness.
- 5 For I lie down amongst lions
greedy for human prey:
their teeth are spears and arrows,
and their tongues are sharpened swords.
- 6 Be exalted O God above the heavens:
and let your glory be over all the earth.
- 7 They set a net for my feet, and I was brought low:
they dug a pit in my path,
but fell into it themselves.
- 8 My heart is steadfast O God, my heart is steadfast:
I will sing and make melody.
- 9 Awake my soul, awake lute and harp:
I myself will awaken the dawn.
- 10 I will give you thanks O Lord among the peoples:
I will sing your praise among the nations.
- 11 For the greatness of your mercy
reaches to the heavens:
and your faithfulness up to the clouds.
- 12 Be exalted O God above the heavens:
and let your glory be over all the earth.

*Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;
may we be strengthened to share his baptism,
strengthened to share his cup,
and ready to serve him forever. Amen.*

Week 7 & Saturdays in Epiphany — Psalm 148

- 1 Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. / Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens:
O praise God in the heights above.
- 2 Praise the Lord all you angels:
O praise God all you heavenly host.

- 3 Praise the Lord sun and moon:
praise God all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise the Lord you highest heavens:
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
who commanded, and they were created.
- 6 The Lord fixed them in their places for ever:
by a law which shall never be broken.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth:
you sea-monsters and ocean depths,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and ice:
stormy wind obeying God's word,
- 9 all mountains and hills:
all fruitbearing trees and cedars,
- 10 wild beasts and cattle:
reptiles and birds on the wing,
- 11 kings of the earth and all peoples:
princes and all rulers of the world,
- 12 young men and maidens:
old people and children together.
- 13 Let them praise your name O Lord:
for your name alone is exalted,
and your glory is above heaven and earth.
- 14 You have lifted up your people's head,
with praise from all your servants:
from the people close to your heart.
Whakamoemititia a Ihowa. / O praise the Lord.

*Praise to you, God, for all your work among us.
Yours is the vigour in creation,
yours is the impulse in our new discoveries.
Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful
in all we do. **Amen.***

THE NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

If there are two Scripture Readings, the first may be read before the NT Canticle, or both may be read after it.

Either: YOU ARE WORTHY

- 1 You are worthy, our Lord and God:
to receive glory and honour and power,
- 2 for you have created all things:
and by your will
they were created and have their being.
- 3 You are worthy O Christ, for you were slain:
and by your blood have ransomed us for God,
- 4 ransomed us from every tribe and people
and nation:
and made us a royal house of priests
to our God.
- 5 To the One who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

based on Revelation 4.11; 5.9, 10, 13

Or:

THE MYSTERY OF OUR RELIGION

- 1 Christ Jesus our Lord was manifested in the flesh:
and was vindicated in the Spirit;
- 2 he was seen by angels:
and proclaimed among the nations;
- 3 he was believed on in the world:
and was taken up in glory.
- 4 He will be revealed in due time by God:
the blessed and only ruler,
the sovereign Lord of all,
- 5 who alone has immortality:
and dwells in unapproachable light,
- 6 whom no one has ever seen or can see:
to whom alone be honour and might
for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16

Or Song of Praise K. A SONG OF MERCY AND GRACE

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

The Short Scripture Reading may be used, or those from the lectionary, either is followed by the Responsory, or

This RESPONSE to the reading may be used:

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Let the whole earth stand in awe of God.**

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: THE BENEDICTUS

Refrain:

**We are free to worship without fear;*
holy and righteous all the days of our life.**

Or, in Epiphanytide:

**This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,*
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**

Or, on feasts of Teachers & Confessors:

**Those who are wise
will shine as brightly as the heavens;*
and those who have instructed many in virtue
will shine like stars for all eternity.**

Or, on feasts of Bishops:

**I will give you shepherds after my own heart*
who will feed you with knowledge
and understanding.**

The Song of Zechariah

- 1 Blessed are you O Lord our God:
you have come to your people and set them free.
- 2 You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of your servant David.
- 3 Through your holy prophets you promised of old:
that you would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 You promised to show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember your holy covenant.

- 5 This was the oath you swore to our father
Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 free to worship you without fear:
holy and righteous in your sight
all the days of our life.
7 And you, child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare
the way,
8 to give God's people knowledge of salvation:
through the forgiveness of their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to God: Source of all being,
Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Or

**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.**

The refrain is repeated after the canticle.

THE PRAYERS

Intercession and Thanksgiving are offered in free prayer or in silence, ending with the following, [or some other appropriate litany or prayer]:

Lord, send us your loving-kindness in the morning
and so shall we rejoice and be glad.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed;
let the poor and needy praise your name.

Christ, have mercy. E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai.

Teach us your ways, O Lord,
and we will walk in your truth.

Lord, have mercy. E te Ariki, kia aroha mai.

THE COLLECT of the day, or for Thursdays:

Holy and eternal God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
In all our cares and occupations,
guide and govern us by your Spirit,
that we may both remember and reveal your presence;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ . . .

Or for Epiphanytide:

Lord our God,
who anointed your only Son

with the Spirit at the river Jordan,
and so hallowed the waters of new birth
to bring us forth to salvation:
keep us strong in the life of grace,
direct the ways of your people,
and open the door of your Kingdom
to all who stand upon the threshold of faith;
through Jesus our Messiah and Saviour . . .

The Lord's Prayer follows

Longing for the unity of all peoples on earth
and as Christ teaches us we pray . . .

THE CONCLUSION

THE BLESSING

**The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.**

ko tēnei rānei

**Ma te Atua o te tūmanako,
e whakaū ō tātou ngākau
ki te koa, ki te rangimārie
kia pono ai tātou,
i runga i te ihi, i te mana,
o te Wairua Tapu. Amine.**

Or, in Epiphanytide:

**May Christ the Son of God, gladden our hearts
with the good news of God's Kingdom. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.