



Evening Prayer and Communion
in the season of Epiphany



Please stand at the sound of the bell

PREPARATION

Officiant ✠ The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

People **Amen.**

∞ Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℞ **Who made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Please kneel as you are able, silence may be kept

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against thee,
through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in those things which we have left undone.
For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please be seated

WORD

∞ Your word is a lantern to my feet,

℞ **and a light upon my path.**

A Reading from Isaiah

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17

This 'King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him'; and to him Abraham apportioned 'one-tenth of everything'. His name, in the first place, means 'king of righteousness'; next he is also king of Salem, that is, 'king of peace'. Without father,

without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest for ever.

It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

Silence is kept for a brief time

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 3:1-6

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Silence is then kept for reflection and prayer.

PRAYER

Please stand

✠ Let my prayer come before you as incense,
✠ **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

✠ O Lord, I call to you, come to me quickly;
✠ **hear my voice when I cry to you.**
✠ My eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
✠ **in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenseless.**

All Let my prayer come before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Please kneel as you are able, silence may be kept

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come unto thee.**
Officiant Let us pray

A Collect for The Epiphany of our Lord

O God, who by the leading of a star 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.*

A Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

Please stand

An Evening hymn is sung by the Cantor

COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

And so, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

✠ Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

A Fraction Anthem is sung by the Cantor.

Communion, *Coommunion will be brought to you in your pew.*

Act of Reception, *prayed by those at home*

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

SENDING

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please kneel as you are able, silence may be kept

The Post Communion Prayer,

Celebrant and People

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

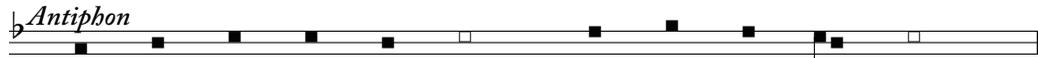
A Collect for Peace

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love.
Amen.

Please stand to sing the Canticle

A CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis

the antiphon and first phrase are sung by the cantor, the remainder sung by all



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;



that a-wake we may watch with Christ, and a-sleep we may rest in peace.



Lord, now lett-est thou thy ser-vant de-part in peace, ac-cord-ing to thy word;



For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, which thou hast pre - pared



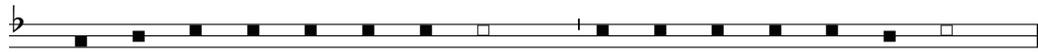
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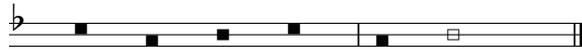
light-en the gen-tiles, and to be the glo-ry of thy peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost:



As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men.

∞ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

℞ **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

☩ Peace be within your walls:
☩ **and quietness within your palaces.**

Officiant As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a
light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

☩ May the divine help remain with us always.
☩ **And with our absent brethren. Amen.**