

Evening Prayer Epiphany Season Sunday, 25 January 2026
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

HYMN

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

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.

The Word of God

Psalmody - Psalm 33. 1-22

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, ♦
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; ♦
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; ♦
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true ♦
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; ♦
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin ♦
and lays up the deep in his treasury.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; ♦
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; ♦
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; ♦
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.

- 12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦
and the people he has chosen for his own.
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven ♦
and beholds all the children of earth.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ♦
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them ♦
and understands all their works.
- 16 No king is saved by the might of his host; ♦
no warrior delivered by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ♦
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, ♦
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
- 19 To deliver their soul from death ♦
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; ♦
in his holy name have we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦
as we have set our hope on you.

**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.**

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Canticle

**Christ was believed in throughout the world
and taken up in glory.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh ♦
and vindicated in the spirit.
- 2 He was seen by angels ♦
and proclaimed among the nations.
- 3 Believed in throughout the world, ♦
he was taken up in glory.
- 4 This will be made manifest at the proper time ♦
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
- 5 Who alone has immortality, ♦
and dwells in unapproachable light.
- 1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15, 16*

**To the King of kings and Lord of lords ♦
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.**

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and taken up in glory.**

Scripture Reading - Ecclesiastes 3.1-11

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Gospel Canticle - The Magnificat

**On the foundation stones of the heavenly city
are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**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.**

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are written the names of the apostles of the Lamb.**

Prayers

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Conclusion

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.