

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins  
The Twelfth Day of Christmas: Vigil of the Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 5, 2022**

**Order of Service: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 109  
Propers: Oremus: A Lutheran Breviary**

Opening Prayers

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Open our mouths, O Lord, to bless Your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, foolish, and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affections, that we may recite this divine office with attention and devotion, and so may be fit to be heard before the Presence of Your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Versicles

O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall show forth 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 Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!**

Christmas Invitatory and Venite

Unto Us the Christ Is Born:

**O come, let us worship Him.**

**O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.**

**In His hand are deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.**

**O come, let worship and bow down: let us 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.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.**



**<sup>4</sup>His lightnings light the world;/ The earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,/ At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare His righteousness,/ And all the peoples see His glory.**

<sup>7</sup>Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols./ Worship Him, all you gods.

**<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad,/ And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;/ You are exalted far above all gods.

**<sup>10</sup>You who love the LORD, hate evil!/ He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light is sown for the righteous,/ And gladness for the upright in heart.

**<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,/ And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son:/ and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever more. Amen.**

Antiphon

You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;/ You are exalted far above all gods.

Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: *Psalm 50:15*

**Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. *Psalm 50:15***

Weekly Catechism Recitation: *Lord's Prayer – Introduction*

*What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer?*

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

*What does this mean?*

**God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him with all boldness and confidence, as children as their dear father.**

First Lection: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,  
My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights!

I have put My Spirit upon Him;  
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

**2** He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*,  
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

**3** A bruised reed He will not break,  
And smoking flax He will not quench;  
He will bring forth justice for truth.

**4** He will not fail nor be discouraged,

Till He has established justice in the earth;  
And the coastlands shall wait for His law.”

**5** Thus says God the LORD,  
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,  
Who gives breath to the people on it,  
And spirit to those who walk on it:

**6** “I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness,  
And will hold Your hand;  
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,  
As a light to the Gentiles,

**7** To open blind eyes,  
To bring out prisoners from the prison,  
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

**8** I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name;  
And My glory I will not give to another,  
Nor My praise to carved images.

**9** Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
And new things I declare;  
Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to You, O Lord.**

**Te Deum Laudamus**

**†We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth worships You, the Father everlasting.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein;  
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.  
The noble army of martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:  
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.  
You are the King of Glory, O Christ.  
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a Virgin.  
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that You will come**

to be our Judge.

We therefore pray You, help Your servants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints  
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify You.  
And we worship Your name now and evermore.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Second Lection: *St. Matthew 1:18-21*

**18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. **19** Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. **20** But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Devotional Reading

Hymn: 149, *In Thee Is Gladness*

In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven;  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest; Our bonds Thou breakest.  
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely  
And stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living, To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught us can sever: Alleluia!

If He is ours, we fear no powers,  
Not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!]  
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him

**Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.

**That we may rejoice and be glad.**

Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Christmas Antiphon

Glory to God in the `highest: And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. `Alleluia!

Canticle

†“**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He has visited and redeemed His people  
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us; in the house of servant David;**

**As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies; and from the hand of all that hate us;**

**To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers; and to remember His holy covenant  
To perform the oath which He swore to our father Abraham; that He would grant unto us;**

**That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before Him; all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you will go before the face of  
the Lord to prepare His ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,**

**Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited  
us;**

**To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into  
the way of peace.**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father `and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.**

Christmas Antiphon

Glory to God in the `highest: And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. `Alleluia!

Litany & Lord's Prayer

Kyrie eleison.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christe eleison.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Kyrie eleison.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, hear us.

**O Christ, hear us.**

O God the Father in heaven,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Be gracious unto us.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious unto us.

**Help us, good Lord.**

From all sin;

From all error;

From all evil;

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From the temptations and assaults of the devil;

From sudden and evil death;

From disease and famine;

From war and bloodshed;

From sedition and rebellion;

From storms and natural disaster;

From all calamity by fire and water;

And from everlasting death:

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation;

By Your holy Nativity;

By Your Baptism, Fasting and Temptation;

By Your Agony and Bloody Sweat;

By Your Cross and Passion;

By Your precious Death and Burial;

By Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

**Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation;

In all time of our prosperity;  
In the hour of death;  
And in the Day of Judgment;  
**Help us, good Lord.**

We poor sinners do beseech You;  
**To hear us, O Lord God.**

And to lead and govern Your holy Christian church in the right way;  
To preserve all pastors and servants of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding  
of Your Word, and in holiness of life;  
To put an end to all godless teaching and causes of offense;  
To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.  
To beat down Satan under our feet;  
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest;  
To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and grace;  
To raise up those who fall, and to strengthen those who stand;  
And to comfort and help the faint-hearted and distressed:  
**We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

To give to all nations peace and concord;  
To preserve our country from discord and contention;  
To direct and defend our government, and all in authority;  
And to bless and keep all who administer justice, and all our people:  
**We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts; To give and preserve  
to our use the fruits of the earth;  
And graciously to hear our prayers:  
**We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;  
**We beseech You to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
**Grant us Your peace.**

O Christ, hear us.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

Kyrie eleison.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christe eleison.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Kyrie eleison.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father...**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty...**

**Prayers**

**For the Days After the Sunday Before the Epiphany**

O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and a sojourner in Egypt for our sakes, and led Him safely home to His fatherland: Mercifully grant that we poor sinners, who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may soon be called home to our true fatherland, the kingdom of heaven, where we shall live in eternal joy and glory; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**For the Litany**

O God, whose nature is always to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petition; and, although we are tied and bound by the heavy chain of our sins, let the mighty pity of Your great mercy free us, to the honor of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

**For the Morning**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same 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 doing, 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 true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Benedicamus & Benediction**

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 us all. **Amen.**