

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins  
Thursday in the Week of the First Sunday After the Epiphany  
January 13, 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!**

Epiphany Invitatory and Venite

Christ has appeared unto us:

**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 formed 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.**

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Office Hymn: *From God the Father, Virgin Born* (Tune: 248)

**From God the Father, virgin-born  
To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate,  
The faithful to regenerate.**

**Beginning from His home on high,  
In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored,  
And shed new joys of life abroad.**

**Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring  
The gift of healing on your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense  
The clearness of your light dispense.**

**Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;  
The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,  
And take away the stain of sin.**

**Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield,  
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.**

**To You, O Lord, all glory be,  
For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, Whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.**

Psalm 89:1-18

Tone 3



Antiphon

I will sing of the mercies of the `LORD forever;/ With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all `generations.

Psalm

<sup>2</sup>For I have said, "Mercy shall be built `up forever;/ Your faithfulness You shall establish in the `very heavens."

<sup>3</sup>**"I have made a covenant `with My chosen,/ I have sworn to My `servant David:**

<sup>4</sup>**"Your seed I will esta`blish forever,/ And build up your throne to all `generations."**

<sup>5</sup>**And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.**

<sup>6</sup>For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?

<sup>7</sup>**God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.**

<sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

<sup>9</sup>**You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.**

<sup>10</sup>You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

<sup>11</sup>**The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.**

<sup>12</sup>The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

<sup>13</sup>**You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.**

<sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

<sup>15</sup>**Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.**

<sup>16</sup>In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

<sup>17</sup>**For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.**

<sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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

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Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: *John 8:31-32*

**[Jesus said:] If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. *John 8:31-32***

Weekly Catechism Recitation: *Lord's Prayer – First Petition*

*What is the First Petition to the Lord's Prayer?*

**Hallowed be Thy name;**

*What does this mean?*

**God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be holy among us also.**

*How is God's name hallowed?*

**God's name is hallowed when His Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God live holy lives according to it. This grant us, dear Father in heaven! But he who**

**teaches and lives otherwise than the Word of God teaches dishonors God's name among us.  
From this preserve us heavenly Father!**

First Lection: *Colossians 2:11-14*

**11** In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **12** buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

First Canticle: *Cantimus Domino (Song of Miriam & Moses) – Exodus 15*

Tone 8



Antiphon

The Lord is the `strength of my life;/ of whom shall `I be afraid?

Canticle

**“I will `sing to the LORD,/ For He has triumphed `gloriously!**

**The horse `and its rider/ He has thrown `into the sea!**

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD is `my strength and song,/ And He has become `my salvation;**

**He is my God, and `I will praise Him;/ My father's God, and I `will exalt Him.**

**<sup>6</sup>“Your `right hand, O LORD,/ has become `glorious in power;**

**Your `right hand, O LORD,/ has dashed the enemy `in pieces.**

**<sup>7</sup>And in the greatness of `Your excellence/ You have overthrown those who `rose against  
You;**

**You `sent forth Your wrath;/ It consumed `them like stubble.**

**<sup>11</sup>“Who is `like You, O LORD,/ a `mong the *gods*?**

**Who is like You, glorious `in holiness,/ Fearful in praises, `doing wonders?**

**<sup>13</sup>You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom `You have redeemed;/ You have  
guided them in Your strength To Your holy `habitation.**

**<sup>17</sup>You will bring them `in and plant them/ In the mountain of Your `inheritance,**

**In the place, O LORD, which You have made For `Your own dwelling,/ The sanctuary, O  
Lord, which Your hands `have established.**

**<sup>18</sup>“The `LORD shall *reign*/ forev`er and ever.”**

Gloria Patri

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

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

Antiphon

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Second Lection: *Luke 3:21-22*

**21** When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. **22** And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Devotional Reading out of *Oremus: A Lutheran Breviary*

Hymn: 248, *Now Christ, the Sinless Son of God*

**Now Christ, the sinless Son of God,  
On sinners sends this saving flood;  
This is the water which the Lord  
Has joined unto His saving Word.**

**This flood, to cleanse sin's leprosy,  
Mere earthly water cannot be;  
Here water and God's gracious Word  
Are joined; Salvation they afford!**

**"Go forth," says Christ, "My Word proclaim,  
Baptize all nations in God's name;  
All who are baptized and believe  
Life everlasting shall receive."**

**God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To be baptized invites a host;  
Here He is present, though unseen,  
From all our sins He's washed us clean.**

**And so by our repentance, must  
The old man, with his sins and lust,  
Be daily drowned and then arise  
God's own child, righteous, pure and wise.**

**Since by this water and the Word  
We're born again, we thank You, Lord.  
Through life and death Your may we be,  
Your children through eternity.**

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.

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

Second Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Epiphany Antiphon

The Lord has made known His word, Alleluia: The word of His salvation, 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.**

Epiphany Antiphon

The Lord has made known His word, Alleluia: The word of His salvation, Alleluia!

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father...**

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

Prayers

Collect for the Week of the First Sunday After the Epiphany

O God, our heavenly Father, Whose voice was heard at the Baptism of Your only-begotten Son, declaring Him to be the One with Whom You are well-pleased: pour down Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, that we may rejoice in this same sonship that we have received from You

through our Baptism into Christ; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**For Purity of Word and Sacrament and for Right Reception of Christ's Body and Blood**  
O Lord Jesus Christ, true King of heaven and earth, You promised to Your Church that the gates of hell would not prevail against her, and You still cause Your Word to be preached and Your Holy Sacraments to be administered among us. But ah! O Lord, the sins of Your people obscure the majesty of Your Bride. Your holy vineyard is trampled and Your blessed sacrifice stand neglected. Many think themselves strong and despise the life-giving food that You have ordained for Your people, for the forgiveness of their sins. Pardon all our arrogance and do not come to us in wrath to remove the lamp of Your Word from before our eyes! O Lord, we pray You: visit this vine, which You once established for Yourself, and renew us with the sun of Your mercy and the water of eternal life. Give us a great hunger for the food of Your true body and blood, and let all Your faithful people ever be found in the apostles' doctrine, in the fellowship, in the breaking of Your bread, and in the prayers. We implore You, O Lord, for our altar, that it may ever be a place where the medicine of eternal life, the forgiveness of our sins, strengthens us in body and soul; that disbelief and impenitence may stay far from all who come there so that they may not eat and drink to their own judgment. O Eternal High Priest, let the fruit of Your Spirit grow in us, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and chastity. Cause us to live in holy conduct toward one another to the glory of Your holy name, here in time and hereafter in eternity; in Your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

**For the Morning**

O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: Shine upon our spirit and drive away the night of sin, that we may walk in Your holy light all our life and even forevermore; You who live and reign with the Father 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.**