

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Saturday of the Epiphany of Our Lord
January 8, 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: 173, *The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*

**C: The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
He takes no realms of earth away
Who gives the realms of heavenly day.**

**The wiser Magi see from far
And follow on His guiding star;
And led by light, to light they press
And by their gifts their God confess.**

**Within the Jordan's crystal flood
In meekness stands the Lamb of God
And, sinless, sanctifies the wave,
Mankind from sin to cleanse and save.**

**At Cana first His power is shown;
His might the blushing waters own
And, changing as He speaks the word,
Flow wine, obedient to their Lord.**

**All glory, Jesus, be to Thee
For this Thy glad epiphany;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost forevermore.**

Psalm 96

Tone 8



Epiphany Antiphon

Give unto the Lord `glory and strength:/ Worship the Lord in the beauty `of holiness.

Psalm

Oh, sing to the `LORD a new song!/
Sing to the `LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, `bless His name;/ Proclaim the good news of His salvation `from day to day.**

³Declare His glory a`mong the nations,/
His wonders a`mong all peoples.

⁴**For the LORD is great and great`ly to be praised;/ He is to be feared `above all gods.**

⁵For all the gods of the peo`ples are idols,/
But the LORD `made the heavens.

⁶**Honor and majesty` are before Him;/ Strength and beauty are in His `sanctuary.**

⁷Give to the LORD, O families `of the peoples,/
Give to the LORD `glory and strength.

⁸**Give to the LORD the glo`ry due His name;/ Bring an offering, and come `into His courts.**

⁹Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty `of holiness!/
Tremble before `Him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say a`mong the nations,/ “The `LORD reigns;

The world also is firmly established, It `shall not be moved;/ He shall judge the peo`ples righteously.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let `the earth be glad;/ Let the sea roar, and `all its fullness;

¹²Let the field be joyful, and all `that is in it./ Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice `before the LORD.

¹³For `He is coming,/ for He is coming `to judge the earth.

He shall judge the world `with righteousness,/ And the peo`ples with His truth.

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.

Epiphany Antiphon

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Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: *Psalms 50:15*

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. *Psalms 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: *Romans 3:23-31*

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, **26** to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. **28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. **29** Or *is He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, **30** since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. **31** Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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: *Luke 2:41-52*

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. **42** And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. **43** When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; **44** but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. **45** So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. **46** Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. **48** So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why

have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” **49** And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” **50** But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. **52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading out of *Oremus: A Lutheran Breviary*

Hymn: *174, Children of the Heavenly Father*

**Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.

That we may rejoice and be glad.

Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Epiphany Antiphon

We have seen His star in the East: and have come to worship Him. 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

We have seen His star in the East: and have come to worship Him. Alleluia!

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Our Father...

Prayers

For the Week (Epiphany)

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
Mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life enjoy the fullness of
Your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

For the Church and Ministry

Almighty God, in the glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have made known Your power
and grace and glory: be with Your Church in all the world, gathered from all nations and peoples and
tongues. Bless the Ministry of those who serve before Your altar and proclaim Your holy Word, that
through them Your love may be made manifest to the salvation of many souls. Bless all Christian people,
and grant them true faith, that by Your grace they may be a clear light to the world and fruitful in all
good works. Shine through the missions of Your Church with the glory of Your Gospel that the people
which sit in darkness may behold Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

For our Nation and Leaders

O God, You have called the nations to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your rising: be merciful to our nation, and to the nations of the world. Send out Your light and Your truth upon all who govern, and let them so lead that righteousness and brotherhood and peace may bless us and them. Give grace and good will to our President, our Governor, our Mayor, and to all in authority over us, that they may administer their offices in Your fear, to the welfare of all. Give grace and good will to the people, that they may with a read will reverence law and all rightful authority as coming from You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For Various Needs

O Jesus, visit in mercy all those who are sick and grant them your healing; be with those who are sad and give them Your abiding comfort; the heavy laden and give them rest in You. Grant that all who rejoice may remember You; that all who are busy with the affairs of this life may not wander from You; and grant that all people may come to Your eternal salvation; in Your holy Name we pray. **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.**