

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6, 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 72

Tone 8



Epiphany Antiphon

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents, `alleluia:/ The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts, `alleluia!

Psalm

Give the king Your `judgments, O God,/ And Your righteousness `to the king's Son.

²He will judge Your people `with righteousness,/ And Your `poor with justice.

³The mountains will bring peace `to the people,/ And the little hills, `by righteousness.

⁴He will bring justice to the poor `of the people;/ He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces `the oppressor.

⁵They shall fear You As long as the sun `and moon endure,/ Throughout all `generations.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the grass `before mowing,/ Like showers that `water the earth.

⁷In His days the right`eous shall flourish,/ And abundance of peace, Until the `moon is no more.

⁸He shall have dominion also `from sea to sea,/ And from the River to the `ends of the earth.

⁹**Those who dwell in the wilderness will `bow before Him,/ And His enemies `will lick the dust.**

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles `Will bring presents;/ The kings of Sheba and Seba `Will offer gifts.

¹¹**Yes, all kings shall fall `down before Him;/ All na`tions shall serve Him.**

¹²For He will deliver the need`y when he cries,/ The poor also, and him who `has no helper.

¹³**He will spare the `poor and needy,/ And will save the souls `of the needy.**

¹⁴He will redeem their life from oppression `and violence;/ And precious shall be their `blood in His sight.

¹⁵**And `He shall live;/ And the gold of Sheba will be `given to Him;**

Prayer also will be made for Him `continually,/ And daily `He shall be praised.

¹⁶**There will be an abundance of `grain in the earth,/ On the top `of the mountains;**

Its fruit shall wave `like Lebanon;/ And those of the city shall flourish like `grass of the earth.

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.

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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: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

In those days Isaiah prophesied: Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

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 2:1-12*

Now at that time after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When

Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

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.

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.

Litany to the Infant Jesus

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father of 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.

O Holy Trinity, One true God,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy Infant, Jesus Christ, true God, Son of the living God and Son of the Virgin Mary,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy Infant Jesus, strong in weakness, powerful in tenderness,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy Infant Jesus, Treasure of grace, Fountain of love,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy Infant Jesus, Renewer of the heavens, Repairer of the evils of the earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy Infant Jesus, Head of the angels, Root of the patriarchs, Speech of the prophets, Desire of the Gentiles, Joy of shepherds, Light of the Magi,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy Infant Jesus, Salvation of infants, Expectation of the just, Instructor of the wise, First-fruit of all saints,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful unto us.

Spare us, O Infant Jesus.

Be merciful unto us.

Graciously hear us, O Infant Jesus.

From the slavery of the children of Adam; from the slavery of the devil; from the evil desires of the flesh; from the malice of the world,

O Infant Jesus, deliver us.

From the pride of life; from blindness of spirit; from an evil will; from our sins,

O Infant Jesus, deliver us.

Through Your most pure Conception; through Your most humble Nativity; through Your tears; through Your most painful Circumcision; through Your most glorious Epiphany; through Your most pious Presentation,

O Infant Jesus, deliver us.

Through Your most divine life; through Your poverty; through Your many sufferings; through Your labors and travels,

O Infant Jesus, deliver us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us, O Infant Jesus.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

Graciously hear us, O Infant Jesus.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us, O Infant Jesus.

O Jesus, Infant, hear us.

O Jesus, Infant, graciously hear us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Our Father...

I believe in God the Father almighty...

Prayers

For the Day (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.**

O You who are the Light of the world, the Desire of all nations, and the Shepherd of our souls, let Your light shine in the darkness that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God; by the lifting up of Your cross gather the peoples to Your obedience, to whom alone belongs the scepter and the crown; let Your sheep hear Your voice and be brought home to Your fold, so that there may be one flock, one Shepherd, one holy kingdom of righteousness and peace, one God an Father of us all, above all and through all and in all. **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.**