

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Wednesday in the Week of the Last Sunday After the Epiphany:
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 9, 2022**

**Order of Service: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 109
Propers: *Treasury of Daily Prayer***

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: *Behold the Golden Morn Arise!* - Aurelius Prudentius

Behold the golden morn arise!
The paling night forsakes the skies,
The misty shadows melt away
Which led our erring sense astray.

Outpour Thy gifts, serenest Light!
And make us faultless in Thy sight;
Ne'er may we utter words of guile,
Dark thoughts our bosoms ne'er defile.

So may the day speed one; our tongue
No falsehood know, our hands no wrong;
Our eyes from evil gaze refrain
No guilt our guarded bodies stain.

Behold th' All seeing from on high
Surveys us with a watchful eye;
Each day our every act He knows
From early dawn to evening's close.

Glory to God the Father be!
Like glory, Only Son, to Thee;
And to the Spirit Paraclete
Now, and through ages infinite! Amen.

Psalm 23

Tone 5



Antiphon

The Lord makes me to lie down `in green pastures;/ He leads me beside `the still waters.

Psalm

The LORD `is my shepherd;/ I `shall not *want*.

²He makes me to lie down `in green pastures;/ He leads me beside `the still waters.

³He `restores my soul;/ He leads me in the paths of righteousness `For His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the `shadow of death,/ I will `fear no evil;

For `You are with me;/ Your rod and Your staff, `they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table `before me/ in the presence of `my enemies;

You anoint `my head with oil;/ My `cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the `days of my life;/ And I will dwell in the house of the `LORD Forever.

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: *Galatians 5:17*

The flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. *Galatians 5:17*

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

What is the Fifth Petition to the Lord's Prayer?

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor on their account deny our prayers; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserve it. But we pray that He would give us everything by grace, for we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment; and we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

First Lection: *Job 6:1-13*

Then Job answered and said:

2 "Oh, that my grief were fully weighed,

And my calamity laid with it on the scales!

3 For then it would be heavier than the sand of the sea—

Therefore my words have been rash.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me;

My spirit drinks in their poison;

The terrors of God are arrayed against me.

5 Does the wild donkey bray when it has grass,

Or does the ox low over its fodder?

6 Can flavorless food be eaten without salt?

Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 My soul refuses to touch them;

They are as loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh, that I might have my request,

That God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9 That it would please God to crush me,

That He would loose His hand and cut me off!

10 Then I would still have comfort;

Though in anguish I would exult,

He will not spare;

For I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11 “What strength do I have, that I should hope?
And what *is* my end, that I should prolong my life?
12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh bronze?
13 *Is* my help not within me?
And is success driven from me?

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Canticle for Transfiguration Week: *The Alleluiatic Sequence – 10th Century*

The strain upraise of joy and praise, Alleluia!
To the glory of their King shall the ransomed people sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And the choirs that dwell on high
Shall re-echo through the sky,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
They through the fields of Paradise that roam,
The blessed ones, repeat through that bright home,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The planets glittering on their heavenly way,
The shining constellations, join and say,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You clouds that onward sweep, you winds on pinions light,
You thunders, echoing loud and deep, you lightnings wildly bright,
In sweet consent unite
your Alleluia!
You floods and ocean billows, you storms and winter snow,
You days of cloudless beauty, hoar frost and summer glow,
You groves that wave in spring, and glorious forests sing
Alleluia!
First let the birds, with painted plumage gay,
Exalt their great Creator’s praise and say,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then let the beasts of earth, with varying strain,
Join in creation’s hymn, and cry again,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Here let the mountains thunder forth sonorous
Alleluia!
There let the valleys sing in gentler chorus
Alleluia!
You jubilant abyss of ocean cry
Alleluia!
You tracts of earth and continents, reply
Alleluia!
To God, Who all creation made,

The frequent hymn be duly paid
Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the strain, the eternal strain, the Lord of all things loves,
Alleluia!
This is the song, the heavenly song, that Christ Himself approves,
Alleluia!
Wherefore we sing, both heart and voice awaking
Alleluia!
And children's voices echo, answer making,
Alleluia!
Now from all men be outpoured
Alleluia to the Lord;
With Alleluia evermore
the Son and Spirit we adore.
Praise be done to the Three in One.
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Second Lection: *St. John 3:1-21*

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"
10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be

exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: *403, God Loved the World So that He Gave*

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.

That we may rejoice and be glad.

Morning Cantic: *The Benedictus*

Antiphon

Give unto the Lord glory and strength, Alleluia!: Worship the Lord the beauty of holiness.

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.

Antiphon

Give unto the Lord glory and strength, Alleluia!: Worship the Lord the beauty of holiness. 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...

Collects

For the Week of the Last Sunday After the Epiphany: Transfiguration of Our Lord
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son You confirmed the mysteries of
the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You
wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace: mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His
glory, and bring us to Your glorious home in heaven; 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 Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A General Intercession for All Sorts and Conditions of Men

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, in Your mercies and lovingkindness You regard the humble prayers of all who call upon You with their whole heart; incline Your ear and hear now our prayer, offered to You in humility: Be mindful, O Lord, of Your Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church, especially the congregations You gather together in this place; confirm and strengthen Your Church, O Lord, increase her and keep her in peace, and preserve her unconquerable forever. Be mindful, O Lord, of the Ministry of this parish, of the pastors of our synod and of all the clergy of the Church at large, which You have established to feed the flock on Your word. Strengthen them in their ministry and answer their prayers on behalf of the whole Christian Church. Be mindful, O Lord, of the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor and Legislature of this state, the Mayor and City Council of this town, all judges and magistrates, our police and armed forces, of this place in which we reside, and of every city and the countryside: grant them peaceful times, that we, in their tranquility, may lead calm and peaceful lives in all godliness and sanctity. Be mindful, O Lord, of the families and relatives and friends of Your people, and of all who specifically request our prayers; grant that they may have mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation, pardon and remission of their sins; that they may ever praise and glory Your holy Name. Be mindful, O Lord, of those who travel; of the old and young, the sick, the suffering, the sorrowing, the afflicted, the captives, the needy and the poor; and upon them all send forth Your mercies, for You are the Giver of all good things. Be mindful of all Your people, O Lord, and grant us Your grace, that we may be diligent and faithful, avoiding evil company and influence, resisting temptation; that we may lead godly and righteous lives, blameless and peaceful, ever serving You; and grant us at last the grace of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. In Your holy Name we pray. **Amen.**

For the Morning

O God, who divides the day from the night, separate our deeds from the gloom of darkness, that ever meditating on that which is holy, we may continually live in Your light, 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.