



Morning Prayer together and apart

Sunday 17th January – Epiphany 2

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory.



Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
 king of the nations,
 to you be praise and glory for ever.
 From the rising of the sun to its setting
 your name is proclaimed in all the world.
 As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts
 anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit
 that we may witness to your gospel
 and sing your praise in all the earth.
 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.



**Know that the Lord is God;
 it is he that has made us and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
 and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
 let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
 so may the light of your presence, O God,
 set our hearts on fire with love for you;
 now and for ever.

Amen



Prayers of Penitence



The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Come let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

For he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

And in our song will we praise our God.



Listening and responding to God's word



Readings from the Old and New Testaments

A reading from the first book of Samuel

1 Samuel 3.1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

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The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.'

Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

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Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



A reading from the Gospel of John

John 1.43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly and Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'

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Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'



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Sermon

Hymn: I, the lord of sea and sky

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**



A Prayer For Our Street



Rackham Close

For those who have to stay indoors,
 For those who must go out,
 For those who face uncertainty,
 Who live in fear and doubt.

We pray, Dear Lord, your loving care,
 We pray your healing balm.

We pray for Jesus' tender touch
 Of gentleness and calm.



Amen

*"The Lord bless you and keep you,
 The Lord make his face shine upon you
 and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord turn his face towards you
 and give you peace." Numbers 6.24-26*

Make a prayer request at:

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Prayers of Intercession

The response to

Lord in your mercy
 is **hear our prayer**



Special Prayer for Today



Almighty God,
 in Christ you make all things new:
 transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
 and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your heavenly glory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen**

concluding with:



**Our Father in heaven
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen**

**Going out to serve God
Notices**



Blessing

May Christ draw you to humility and worship,
and bring you to see God at work;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We go into the world
**To walk in God's light,
To rejoice in God's love
And to reflect God's glory.**

*If you'd like to stay and chat on zoom there
will be break out rooms for 5 minutes.*

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link for giving.*

