

The First Sunday after the Epiphany



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Sunday Morning Prayer

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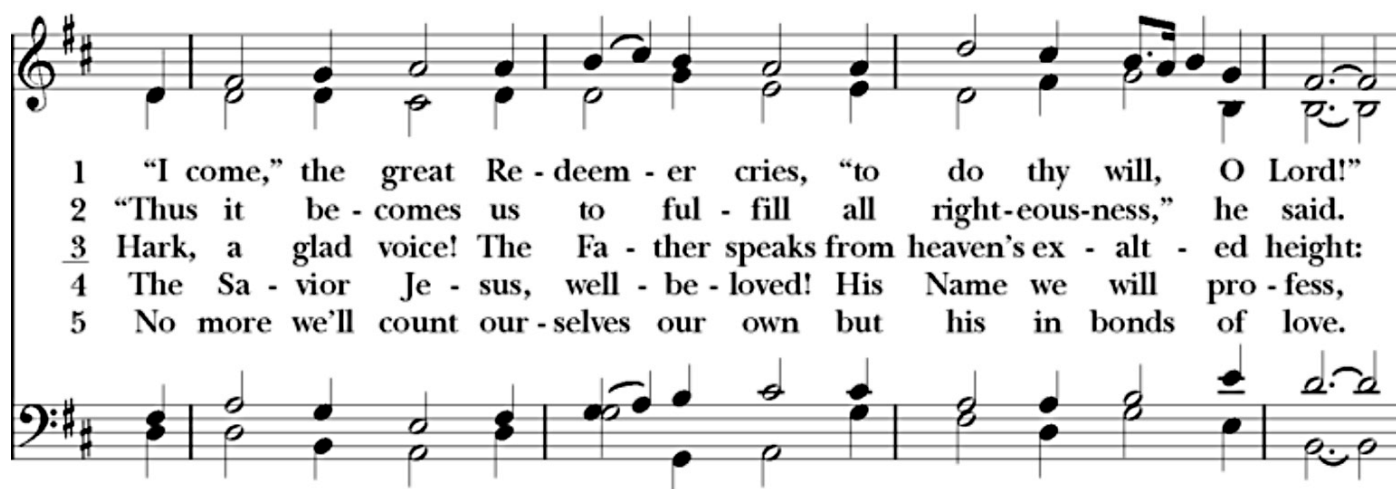
Prelude: Prelude on 'This endris nyght'

Healey Willan

Opening Hymn

*"I come," the great Redeemer cries,
This Endris Nyght*

Hymnal 116



1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.



1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

The Opening Sentence

Leader I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Isaiah 49:6b

Confession of Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Leader Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

The Invitatory: Jubilate

Peter Hurford



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, / all you / lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his / presence / with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord him/self is / God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his / people and the / sheep of his / pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his / courts with / praise; *
give thanks to him and / call u/pon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is / ever/lasting; *
and his faithfulness en/dures from / age to / age.



Then follows

Psalm 29

Percy Buck



- 1 Ascribe to the / Lord, you / gods, *
ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory / due his / Name; *
worship the / Lord in the / beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of / glory / thunders; *
the Lord is up/on the / mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a / powerful / voice; *
the voice of the / Lord is a / voice of / splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees; *
the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild / ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness; *
the Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the / oak trees / writhe *
and / strips the / forests / bare.
- †9 And in the / temple of the / Lord *
- / all are / crying, / "Glory!"



- 10 The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as / King for / ever/more.
- 11 The Lord shall give / strength to his / people; *
the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son, *
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the be/ginning, is / now, *
and / will be for/ever. A/men.

The Readings

The First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

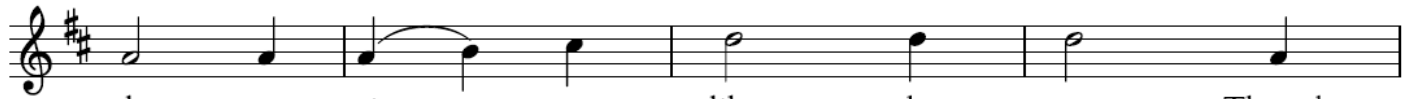
Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

Puer nobis



1. A - rise, now, shine, your light has come, God's
2. The Lord will rise a - bove his own, His
3. Your gates will be un - barred al - way, Your
4. Here vi - o - lence will be no more, With -
5. You will not need the sun by day, Nor
6. To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to



glo - ry ri - ses like the sun; Though
glo - ry rest on you a - lone; The
por - tals o - pen night and day; Your
in your bor - ders peace is sure; Your
yet by night the moon's bright ray; The
Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to



dark - ness still en - shrouds the land, Deep
na - tions stream to your light, And
name, the Ci - ty of the Lord, Zi -
walls will bear Sal - va - tion's name, Your
Lord will be your shi - ning light, And
God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our



gloom re - mains on ev - ery hand.
kings come to your dawn - ing bright.
on, on whom his love is poured.
gates the name of Praise shall claim.
God your glo - ry day and night.
e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

Shepherd's Pipes

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
 ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sundays

Leader O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Grace

Leader Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Offertory / Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.

As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday on Facebook Live at 9:00 am.

CH@Ts will resume today with conversation and sharing. Join us at 12:30 pm for discussion. Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941
Zoom Link: [Here](#)

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Ps. 29:1-2*

Offertory Anthem *The Blessed Son of God* **Ralph Vaughan Williams**

The blessed son of God only in a crib full poor did lie; with our poor flesh and our poor blood was clothed that everlasting good. Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God’s son dear, was a guest and a stranger here; us for to bring from misery, that we might live eternally. Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely, for to declare his great mercy; All Christendom be merry therefore, and give him thanks forevermore. Kyrie eleison.

Prayer for Mission

Leader Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church Women. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Miguel Arcangel, (Church of Saint Michael Archangel), Campo Dos Mariscos, The Rev. Laico Juan Mejía.

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples. We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Barbara, Jean, Ava's Family, Nana, Tere, Olivia, the Rose Family, Richard's Family, Maggie, Nathan, Dorothy, Robert, Barbara, Lynn, Grandma Susu, Grandma Moon, Joyce, Nana Carol, Mike, Joel, Jason, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Rayelenn, Stephen, Elizabeth and those you wish to name.

Light to the youngest among us, we offer you the prayers our children and youth have asked for especially that no one gets COVID.

Light of joy and life, we pray in thanksgiving for all the good things that have happened this week.

Eternal light, we pray for those who have died, especially Linda Eppes, and those you wish to name.

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Sentence

Leader Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

All **Amen.**

Hymn

O love, how deep,
Deus tuorum militum

Hymnal 448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Postlude: Piano Trio No. 5 in D, Op. 70 No. 1 –

Allegro vivace e con brio

Ludwig van Beethoven

Camerata Philadelphia

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