



## An order for Epiphany Evening prayer

### A prayer of St Benedict

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### Opening Prayer

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.

### Canticle

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.  
Amen.

*Psalm 100*

### Gathering Silence

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

Amen.

## Reading

*One or more set readings for the day are read.*

*Silence may be kept.*

## Canticle

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Though night still covers the earth,  
and darkness the peoples;

Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.

The nations will come to your light,  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will lie open continually,  
shut neither by day nor by night.

The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in  
your land, or ruin and devastation within your  
borders.

No more will the sun give you daylight,  
nor moonlight shine upon you;

But the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your splendour.

For you shall be called the city of God,  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiab 60*

## Intercessions are offered.

☩ For peace

☩ For individuals and their needs

☩ The vulnerable and the sick

## The Collect of the day

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the  
earth: mercifully grant that we,

who know you now by faith,

may at last behold your glory face to face;

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.**

## The Lords Prayer

Our Father...

## St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me, Christ before me,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in the words of friend and stranger.

Amen