

## Thursday Morning Prayer for Epiphany

*We gather in silence*

*Bell x3*

We light these candles as a sign of Christ in our midst.

**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

All is visible in Christ's eternal light,

**In us God's light never goes out.**

*(Pause in gratitude to remember and name the ways the light of Christ has been revealed to you this day, this week, this season...)*

### Opening Sentences

The God who breathed this world alive And sustains it day by day

Whose hands flung stars into space And controls our destiny

says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths and set tides on their way

who caused mountains to be raised up And rainbows to display

says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth and seed within to sow

whose artistry creates butterflies And the early morning dew

says, "You are precious in my sight."

*(based on Isaiah 43:1-7)*

### Gathering Words

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens

**how can we keep silent?**

God whose righteousness stands like the tallest mountain

**how can we keep silent?**

God whose justice is deeper than any ocean

**how can we keep silent?**

God whose grace flows like a never-ending river

**how can we keep silent?**

How can we not proclaim your mercies

**from generation to generation?**

How can we not raise the lamp of your Salvation  
**for all the world to see?**

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens  
**we praise your mighty name!**

We are drawn to your light in worship as creatures gazing on our creator,  
**our hearts laid bare by your light humbly asking your mercy.**

We come to you as a people in need of assurance, of forgiveness, of love.

**We come to you as a people in need of healing and wholeness and rescue.**

We come always dependent upon your love.

**Draw us close and enfold us in your arms.**

Fill us with your Spirit this day that we might reflect your light  
speak your Word with boldness and draw others to your light.

**We ask this through your dear Son Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

Scripture and Reflection

Psalm

Gospel acclamation:

Lord to whom shall we go? (X2)

You are gracious and merciful, Lord to whom shall we go?

Slow to anger and abounding in love, Lord to whom shall we go? (X2)

Let us trust in your word.

Gospel Reading

Silence

Sharing: what is God's invitation to and for us, in this good news?

Our Prayers

Most High God!

Thou that enkindlest

the fires of the shining stars! O Jesus!

**Thou that art peace and life and light and truth, hear and grant our prayers.**

This present day has been made holy by thy mystic baptism,

whereby thou didst sanctify those waters of the Jordan,

which of old were thrice turned back.

It is holy by the star shining in the heavens, whereby thou didst announce

thy Virginal Mother's delivery and didst, on the same day,  
lead the Magi to adore thee in thy crib.

It is holy too,

by thy changing the water of the pitchers into wine;  
which the steward of the feast, knowing that he had not so filled them, drew forth  
for the guests.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Jesus, that didst appear on this Day!**

**And to the Father and to the Holy Spirit, for everlasting ages. Amen.**

*Open time of prayer and petition*

As beloved children of a loving parent, let us pray:

**Abba, Amma, Beloved, 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; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

Sending

You have gifted the Church through the goodness of your Grace to be your hands  
and do your work, to be your voice and share your words, to bring healing to a fallen  
world and broken lives make whole. You have gifted your people with the blessings  
of your Spirit, the power to transform lives and make all things new.

**Now may our hearts receive, our mouths proclaim, our hands prepare for service,  
that the love that we have known might overflow the lives we live and pour into  
the hearts of others, that all might receive your Grace, your renewing Spirit and  
your love. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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