

## LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**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.

*A hymn may be sung*

## CONCLUSION

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the  
shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead us also in our pilgrimage to find the Lord. Amen.

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion  
of darkness, give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son. Amen.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill your lives  
with his joy and peace. Amen.

May the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*\* The weekly Homilies Project sheet can be downloaded from:  
<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/mission-ministry-discipleship/worship-resources/homily-project/>*



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## A Service of the Word

for use in Epiphany-tide 1st January to 1st February  
*Please join in with the words in bold.*

◆ *Invites a pause between lines.*

### PREPARATION

God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in  
truth, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

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.  
Let us confess our sins.

*A short period of silence for reflection*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living  
word:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
Forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Gospel printed on the Homilies Project sheet\* and  
at least one of the other readings referenced there is  
read.*

*At the end the reader may say:*  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Song of Praise is said between readings:*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, ♦  
to receive glory and honour and power.

**For you have created all things, ♦  
and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, ♦  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.

**You have made them to be a kingdom  
and priests serving our God, ♦  
and they will reign with you on earth.**

To the One who sits on the throne and to the  
Lamb ♦  
be blessing and honour, glory and might  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10*

**HOMILY** (*see the Homilies Project sheet\**)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of  
God:  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source  
of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took  
our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS**

*The intercessions below may be used with or without  
appropriate insertions.*

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the  
Church.

You have called us into the family  
of those who are the children of God.  
May our love for our brothers and sisters in  
Christ be strengthened by your grace.  
Lord, hear your people... **and answer our prayers.**

You have called us to be a temple  
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.  
Give us clean hands and pure hearts  
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.  
Lord, hear your people... **and answer our prayers.**

You have called us to be a light to the world,  
so that those in darkness come to you.  
May our lives shine as a witness  
to the saving grace you have given for all.  
Lord, hear your people... **and answer our prayers.**

You have called us to be members of your body,  
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.  
We ask for your comfort and healing power  
to bring hope to those in distress.  
Lord, hear your people... **and answer our prayers.**

You have called us to be the Bride,  
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.  
Prepare us for the wedding feast,  
where we will be united with you for ever.  
Lord, hear your people... **and answer our prayers.**

Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
you have called us into fellowship with all your  
saints.

*Silence is kept.*

We unite our prayers with theirs  
and ask for grace to serve you with joy  
where you live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

#### **COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY**

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**

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