



An Order for Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th January, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

St Nicholas' Church, Brighton

The minister shall say

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations, saith the Lord. *Malachi 1.11*

BELOVED, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins ; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us keep silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Then shall follow the General Confession, to be said of the whole congregation after the Minister:

O GOD, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution, or Remission of Sins, shall be pronounced by the Minister alone:

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister shall say:

<i>Answer.</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips; And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
<i>Minister.</i>	O God, make speed to save us;
<i>Answer.</i>	O Lord, make haste to help us.
<i>Minister.</i>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
<i>Answer.</i>	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.
<i>Minister.</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Answer.</i>	The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall the office hymn be sung.

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear;
thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy Word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

Text: Christopher Wordsworth

Then shall be said the psalms appointed, psalm 46 and psalm 47, the people joining in the bold type.

PSALM 46

God is our hope and strength *
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.**

Though the waters thereof rage and swell *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

**The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.**

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed *
God shall help her, and that right early.

**The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved *
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord *
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.**

He maketh wars to cease in all the world *

he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God *

I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us *

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

PSALM 47

Clap your hands together, all ye people *

O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared *

he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us *

and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us *

even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise *

and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God *

O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth *

sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen *

God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham *
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read the first lesson, Isaiah 42. 1-9

A READING from the Prophet Isaiah.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have
put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall
bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the
isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that
spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the
people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep
thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in
darkness out of the prison house.

I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my
praise to graven images.

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they
spring forth I tell you of them.

Here ends the first lesson.

Then shall be said the Magnificat, the people joining in the bold type.

MAGNIFICAT.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

**He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

**He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read the second lesson, Ephesians 2.1-10

A READING from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the
prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of
disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh,
fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of
wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye
are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ
Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his
kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath
before ordained that we should walk in them.

Here ends the second lesson.

Then shall be said the Nunc Dimittis, the people joining in the bold type.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

**For mine eyes have seen':
thy salvation,**

Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the people,

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and
buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints ;
The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

Then shall be said these Prayers following, the Minister first pronouncing

The Lord be with you;

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister and people, shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

**OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy
will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Then the Minister shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister. O Lord, save the Queen;
Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
Minister. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Minister. O Lord, save thy people;
Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the Day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus didst reveal him to be thy Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Then shall follow the intercessions.

After the intercessions shall follow the song,

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
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Then shall follow the blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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