

Friday Morning Prayer for Epiphany 2025

Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us. Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. **Amen.**

In a refugee child playing under a star ...

In an anonymous young man requesting baptism ...

In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand ...

God was waiting to be recognised and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life ...

In the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition ...

In the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine ...

God is waiting to be recognised and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

God of proclamation and epiphany,

Through the words of prophets and angels you reveal the possibilities of a different way for the world ...

God of encounter and epiphany,

Through the life and actions of Jesus you reveal the passionate love at the heart of your Kingdom ...

God of epiphany and challenge, as we hear you now

Open our knowing and understanding to your patterns and their possibilities.

(Adapted from "Morning Prayer for Epiphany from the Iona Community" and "Essential Celtic Prayers" by Thomas McPherson)

Silence

Hymn or Poem (if selected)

Psalm

Glory to you Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

Silence

Shared Reflections

The Shema/ Hear O Israel

Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God With all your heart, With all your soul, With all your mind, And with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

United in the company of all the faithful, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.

The Lord's Prayer

As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray together:

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

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We take the light of our prayer into the world:

To pray for those unable to pray, to offer ourselves as answers to prayer.

We take the light of our compassion into the world:

To come alongside those who are suffering anguish of heart, anguish of mind, and be as Christ for them.

We take the light of God's power into the world:

God's power made perfect in powerlessness, strength made known in weakness, life made known in dying.

God enters the hearts of all who pray - and feel they are not heard - suffers their pain - their humiliation - carries the burdens of the world and dies that we might live

May our God bless us

Source of all Being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.

And until we meet again

May we be held in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.