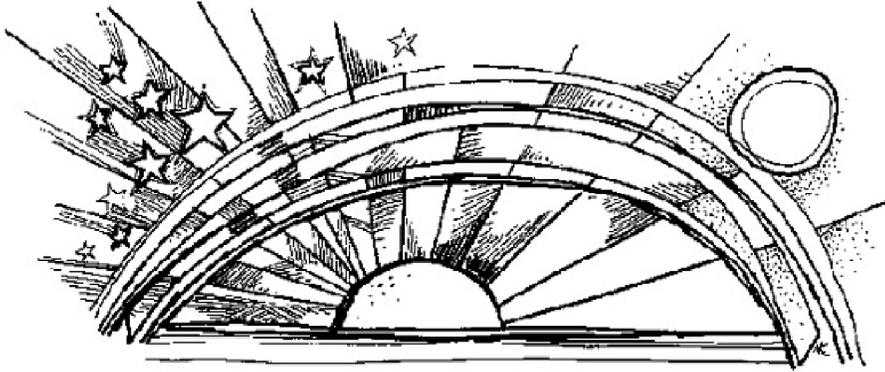


## MP Epiphany Sun 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015



We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.  
O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God most high.  
O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

### Let us pray

On this day, Lord God,  
by a guiding star you revealed your Only-Begotten Son  
to the peoples of the world.  
Lead us from the faith by which we know you now  
to the vision of your glory, face to face.  
We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Canticle Benedictus

The Saviour comes to free us from our foes  
from evil hands, from those who wish us ill.  
So God's great love for all his chosen people  
is thus fulfilled; in these our present times.  
God's sacred oath his covenant most holy;  
is called to mind, his promises made true.

**Prayers and Intercessions**

Today the Magi came to worship the Saviour.

Let us venerate him as we say: *Light of light, shine on this day.*

Christ, made manifest in the flesh,  
sanctify us by the word of God and by prayer.  
*Light of light, shine on this day.*

Christ, vindicated in the Spirit,  
free us from spirits of error. – *Light of light, shine on this day.*

Christ, who appeared to the angels,  
let us receive in this world a share in that heavenly glory.  
– *Light of light, shine on this day.*

Christ, preached to the nations,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit open the hearts of us all.  
– *Light of light, shine on this day.*

Christ, believed in by the world,  
renew the faith of all believers. – *Light of light, shine on this day.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

O Light from light, our footsteps guide,  
O living word our wisdom be,  
O loving heart our souls inspire,  
Speak, O Lord, your servants hear.

Let us pray

God, our Father,  
the love you have for us  
is seen in the beauty of this world.  
Give us a deep sense of gratitude  
for all you have given,  
And an understanding  
that the yearnings that cannot be satisfied in this world  
can lead us to you,  
the beauty ever old and ever new.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm;  
and may he lead us to eternal life.

**AMEN**

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Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;  
alleluia, alleluia, earth to heaven replies.  
O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

MP Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

## Morning Prayer led by Liz Murphy, with Cantor Helen Healy and the St Mungo Singers

### Introduction

O God, come to my aid.

Let us pray  
God our Creator  
we rejoice in the beauty of creation,  
and we trust in your compassionate love.  
Help us to grow in love for each other  
and in care for the world you have given us to share.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Psalm 32



### He fills the earth with his love.

The word of the Lord is faithful, we trust him in all he does.  
The Lord loves justice, justice and fairness, he fills the earth,  
he fills the earth, he fills the earth with his love.

### He fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heav'ns were made; the breath of his mouth made the stars.  
The Lord looks on those, those who revere him, on those who hope, on those  
who hope, on those who hope in his love.

### He fills the earth with his love.

And so we await the Lord, the Lord is our help and shield.  
We trust that your love will be upon us, we place all our hope, we place all our  
hope, we place all our hope in you.

### He fills the earth with his love.

## Short reading

### Isaiah 4:2-3

That day, the branch of the Lord shall be beauty and glory, and the fruit of the earth shall be the pride and adornment of Israel's survivors. Those who are left of Zion and remain of Jerusalem shall be called holy and those left in Jerusalem, noted down for survival.

## Canticle Benedictus 4

### Prayers and Intercessions

Let us celebrate Christ's loving kindness.

He came to free his creation from the slavery of sin and give us the freedom of children of God.

Therefore let us pray – *Lord, your birth frees us from evil.*

Lord, you exist from all eternity

but you entered a new life in time:

constantly renew us by the mystery of your birth

– *Lord, your birth frees us from evil.*

Without ceasing to be God you took on human nature:

may we share ever more in your divinity.

– *Lord, your birth frees us from evil.*

Light of the nations, teacher of holiness,

may your words be a lantern guiding our footsteps.

– *Lord, your birth frees us from evil.*

Word of God, made flesh in Mary's womb and born into this world,  
dwell always in our hearts through faith.

– *Lord, your birth frees us from evil.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

God, our Father,

when your Only-Begotten Son revealed himself in flesh and blood,

we came to know him as our fellow-man.

May he transform us inwardly until we bear his likeness,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may he lead  
us to eternal life. **AMEN**

MP Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

O God, come to my aid.

*O Lord, make haste to help me.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

Let us pray

Lord God,  
with a father's love you cherish each one of us.  
Let us always be conscious of your presence in our lives,  
so that when we struggle we need not fear.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Psalm 76

Martin Moran

verse 1



I cry a-loud to God, cry a-loud to God that he may hear me.

**I cry aloud to God, cry aloud to God that he may hear me.**

In the day of my distress I sought the Lord. My hands were raised at night  
without ceasing; My soul refused to be consoled. I remembered my God and  
I groaned, I pondered and my spirit fainted.

**I cry aloud to God, cry aloud to God that he may hear me.**

You withheld sleep from my eyes, I was troubled, I could not speak;  
I thought of the days of long ago, and I remembered the years long past.  
At night I mused within my heart.

**I cry aloud to God, cry aloud to God that he may hear me.**

I pondered and my spirit questioned. Will the Lord reject us for ever? Will he show us his favour no more? Has his love vanished for ever? Has his promise come to an end?  
**I cry aloud to God, cry aloud to God that he may hear me.**

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit now and ever,  
now and ever. Amen.  
**I cry aloud to God, cry aloud to God that he may hear me.**

## **Short reading**

**Isaiah 49:8-9**

I have formed you and have appointed you as a covenant of the people, to restore the land and distribute the estates that lie waste, to say to prisoners, 'Come out', to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

**Canticle Benedictus**

## **Intercessions**

The eternal Word, begotten of the Father, was born in the fullness of time and given to us as a son.

Let us praise him: – *Blessed are you, O Lord.*

Son of the living God – before the world was created, you are.

You came on earth to save mankind:

Enable us to bear witness to your Gospel.

– *Blessed are you, O Lord.*

Shining sun of justice, you came from the Father's presence and enlightened the world:

bring light to all who are in the shadow of death.

– *Blessed are you, O Lord.*

You have become our living bread, nourishing us to eternal life:

bring joy to all our hearts through the Eucharist.

– *Blessed are you, O Lord.*

*Bless and guide all who are part of our lives,  
comfort and heal our sick,*

*And strengthen those who look after them.*

– *Blessed are you, O Lord.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

God and Father,

make our hearts radiant with the splendour of that light  
which long ago you shed on our ancestors in the faith,  
and give your people the joy of lasting peace.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may he lead  
us to eternal life. **AMEN**

Please record the opening prayer,  
The reading, the intercessions and Our father and final prayer and  
'May the Lord bless . . . . .'

MP Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Thursday 9 January 2014**

**Morning Prayer (Lauds)**

*If this is the first Hour that you are reciting today, you should precede it with the Invitatory Psalm and omit the Introduction.*

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**Introduction**

O God, come to my aid.

*O Lord, make haste to help me.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

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**Hymn**

O more than mighty cities known,  
Dear Bethlehem, in thee alone  
Salvation's Lord from heaven took birth  
In human form upon the earth.

And from a star that far outshone  
The radiant circle of the sun  
In beauty, swift the tidings ran  
Of God on earth in flesh of man.

The wise men, seeing him, so fair,  
Bow low before him, and with prayer  
Their treasured eastern gifts unfold  
Of incense, myrrh, and royal gold.

The fragrant incense which they bring,  
The gold, proclaim him God and King;  
The bitter spicy dust of myrrh  
Foreshadows his new sepulchre.

All glory, Lord, to thee we pay  
For thine Epiphany today;  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete.

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**Psalm 79 (80)**

**Short reading**

**Isaiah 62:11-12**

Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your saviour comes, the prize of his victory with him, his trophies before him. They shall be called 'The Holy People', 'The Lord's Redeemed.'

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**Short Responsory**

All the kings of the earth will worship him.

– *All the kings of the earth will worship him.*

All the peoples will serve him.

– *All the kings of the earth will worship him.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

– *All the kings of the earth will worship him.*

**Canticle Benedictus**

**Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us celebrate the mighty act of God in bringing us consolation by the birth of his Son. United, let us acclaim him with joy:

– *Glory to God in the highest heaven.*

With the angels, the patriarchs, the prophets –  
we praise you, Lord.

– *Glory to God in the highest heaven.*

With the Virgin Mary, Mother of God –  
our souls proclaim your greatness, Lord.

– *Glory to God in the highest heaven.*

With the apostles and the evangelists –  
we give you thanks, Lord.

– *Glory to God in the highest heaven.*

With all the holy martyrs of Christ –  
we offer our bodies as a holy sacrifice.

– *Glory to God in the highest heaven.*

With all the holy witnesses of the Church –  
we sincerely consecrate our lives to you.

– *Glory to God in the highest heaven.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Through your Son, Lord God,

you shed eternal light on all mankind.

Give us grace to acknowledge the full splendour of our Redeemer,

so that, going from glory to glory,

we may come at length to your everlasting light.

[We make our prayer] through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may he lead us to eternal life.

**AMEN**

