



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

MORNING PRAYER
DECEMBER 30, 2020

ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

From Isaiah 60

Verse 1

Arise shine for your light has come and the glory of God is on you
Arise see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you

Chorus

Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
Your love will be all that we know

Verse 2

Arise come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe
Redemption to all who believe

Bridge

The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need
and violence will end all the wars that we wage will cease
We will glorify your name We will glorify your name.

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Today's service observes the liturgy of Morning Prayer (pp. 11-26) from the [The Book of Common Prayer - 2019](#).

Officiant: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Priest: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

or

Deacon: Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 20

¹ May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² May he send you help from the sanctuary

and give you support from Zion!

³ May he remember all your offerings

and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah

⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire

and fulfill all your plans!

⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation,

and in the name of our God set up our banners!

May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

⁶ Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed;

he will answer him from his holy heaven

with the saving might of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

⁸ They collapse and fall,

but we rise and stand upright.

⁹ O Lord, save the king!

May he answer us when we call.

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.

REVELATION 21:15–22:5

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Christ have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: And let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: And bless your inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And defend us by your mighty power.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you

INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING

BRIGHTEST AND BEST

Verse 1

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid
Star of the east the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid

Verse 2

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining
Maker and monarch and Saviour of all

Verse 3

What shall we yield Him in costly devotion
Incense of Edom and offerings divine
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine

Verse 4

Vainly we offer each ample oblation
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure
Richer by far is the heart's adoration
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Tune: Paul Calvin, 2009

and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SPACE BETWEEN

Verse 1

Free fall
Feet off the ground
A clean white page
Fresh snow no sound
Here as we wait
From dark to dawn
New paths before us
The old is gone

Chorus 1

Unplug the lights
Take down the tree
The less we have
The less we need
From Christmas night
To New Year's Eve
We bless the space that's in
between
We bless the space that's in
between

Verse 2

December ends
Make way for dreams
Wait for the light
To raise the spring
Embrace it all
From hope to doubt
Like ocean waves
Washin' in and out

Chorus 2

Two roads apart
Come close again
Where do you stop
Where do I begin
Each year we learn
More what it means
To bless the space that's in between
We bless the space that's in
between

Bridge

We bless the seeds under the snow
We bless the patience take it slow
We bless the limits bless the tears
We bless the failures that brought
us here

Verse 3

I wipe the frost
The glass is cold
Our dreams beneath the falling
snow
Be Thou my vision
Until I see
And bless the space that's in
between

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