

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

THE WORD OF GOD

The Psalm set for the day, Psalm 72

Give the king your judgements, O
God, ♦
and your righteousness to the son of a
king.

**Then shall he judge your people
righteously ♦
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains bring forth
peace, ♦
and the little hills righteousness for the
people.

**May he defend the poor among the
people, ♦
deliver the children of the needy and
crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and
moon endure, ♦
from one generation to another.

**May he come down like rain upon the
mown grass, ♦
like the showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall righteousness
flourish, ♦
and abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.

**May his dominion extend from sea to
sea ♦**

**and from the river to the ends of the
earth.**

May his foes kneel before him ♦
and his enemies lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall pay tribute; ♦
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall
bring gifts.**

All kings shall fall down before him; ♦
all nations shall do him service.

**For he shall deliver the poor that cry
out, ♦
the needy and those who have no
helper.**

He shall have pity on the weak and
poor; ♦
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**He shall redeem their lives from
oppression and violence, ♦
and dear shall their blood be in his
sight.**

Long may he live; unto him may be
given gold from Sheba; ♦
may prayer be made for him
continually and may they bless him all
the day long.

**May there be abundance of grain on
the earth, standing thick upon the
hilltops; ♦
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon
and its grain grow like the grass of the
field.**

May his name remain for ever and be
established as long as the sun
endures; ♦
may all nations be blest in him and call
him blessed.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of
Israel, ♦**

who alone does wonderful things.

And blessed be his glorious name for
ever. ♦
May all the earth be filled with his
glory.
Amen. Amen.

The psalm ends with:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Second Reading: Matthew 2: 1 -12

Responsory

O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness;
**let the whole earth tremble before
him.**

Tell it out among the nations that the
Lord is King.
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness.**

Tell out his salvation from day to day.
**Let the whole earth tremble before
him.**

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
**O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before
him.**

The Gospel Canticle: Benedictus

**Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set
them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty
Saviour, born of the house of his
servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God
promised of old:
to save us from our enemies,**

**from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our
father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to
prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of
salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break
upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in
darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Sermon

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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come 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.**

THE PRAYERS

Intercessions

The Collect of the day

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the
peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to
face;

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.

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering our prayers and praises into
one, as our Saviour has taught us, so
we pray:

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE CONCLUSION

Hymn

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us
from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord
**Thanks be to God
The Burton Three**

Morning Prayer The Epiphany of our Lord

A service from Common Worship

THE PREPARATION

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of
Christ, to offer our praise and
thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's
holy word, to pray for the needs of the
world, and to seek the forgiveness of
our sins, that by the power of the Holy
Spirit we may give ourselves to the
service of God.

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is close at hand." So let us turn
away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and
faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
**for he has heard the voice of our
prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
**and in our song will we praise our
God.**

Opening Cantic: Jubilate

**O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; •
serve the Lord with gladness and
come before his presence with a song.**

**Know that the Lord is God; •
it is he that has made us and we are
his; we are his people and the sheep
of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; •
give thanks to him and bless his
name.**

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast
love is everlasting, •
and his faithfulness endures from
generation to generation.**