



MORNING PRAYER FOR
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

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**Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension
Northwoods, MO**

OPENING SENTENCE

Bishop "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." *MLK, Jr.*

Bishop O God, open our lips.

People ***And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

All ***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Bishop Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bishop Blessed be the one, true, living God.

People ***Blessed be God for ever. Amen.***

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

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- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
***you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.***
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
***while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.***
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
***they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.***
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A Reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."]

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

CANTICLE 11 The Third Song of Isaiah

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.

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CANTICLE 20

Gloria in excelsis

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***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord, God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us:
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,***

***you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

THE GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

The Gospel according to John

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson,
11th Bishop of Missouri

ANTHEM: "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

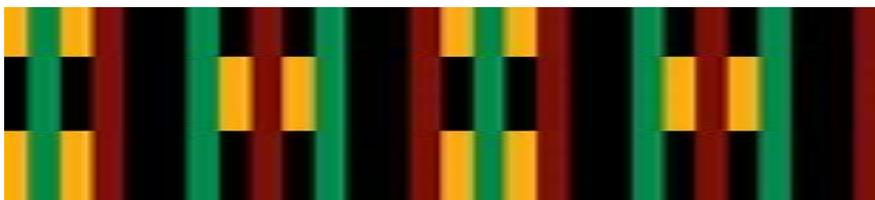
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee.
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)



*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 power of 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.*

Bishop God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Bishop Let us 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, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

SUFFRAGES A

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People ***And grant us your salvation.***
Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People ***Let your people sing with joy.***
Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People ***For only in you can we live in safety.***
Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***
Leader Let your way be known upon earth;
People ***Your saving health among all nations.***
Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***
Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

THE COLLECTS

Bishop Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Gracious God who loves us so perfectly, help us to better love you and each other. We weep for the gun violence that kills children and so many others needlessly. Bless us with the wisdom and strength to put down our weapons and may violence cease in the nation and in our world. We ask all this in the Name of Jesus, your Son, and our Redeemer. ***Amen.***

The Deacon and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, and Renee our Priest.
We pray for our Diocese of Missouri, and for the people and ministry of Calvary
Episcopal Church, Columbia. We pray for Valori, their interim priest and Janet,
their Deacon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died especially, Ronald Ross, younger brother of
parishioner, Florence Ross. Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially:

Cleo Anderson
Joey Beeker
Chazetta Bland
Juanita Carroll
Nancy Crouse
Vivian Fox

Kimberley Baker
Rose Marie Bell
V. Lester Bond
Lorenzo Carter
Aubrey Escoffery
Carman Gayden

Terry Baker
Jourice Bishop
The Bradley Family
Bessie Clemmons
Evans Ford
Antonio Graves

Suzanne Harris
Ezell Roberts
Larry Sample
Catherine Thrope

Mary K. Jones
The Roberts Family
Sallie Simmons

Johnetta Martin
Marion Robinson
Mary Stafford

We pray for all veterans and for those who are currently serving in the military especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Sr. Airman Matthew Heeter- United States Air Force
Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve

O God of all mercy and compassion, hear our prayers in this time of illness and infection, of isolation, fear, and uncertainty. We pray for the sick, and those weighed down by pain, distress, loneliness, and anxiety; and for all who care for them. We pray for those who have responsibility for public health and social order especially all medical staff and hospital workers, medical researchers, social workers, all essential workers, and for the leaders of the nations and their governments around the globe that they may make wise decisions in this time of crisis. We ask all this and more through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Bishop adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,***

*and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Young, Senior Warden

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

*Bishop God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by thy might, Lead us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*
 May our eyes ever look to see your work in the world.
 Let us leave inspired to join you in making all things new
 By the offering of our hearts, hands, and feet today and always.
 Amen.*

*Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.***

*verse taken from "Lift Every Voice and Sing": Words by James Weldon Johnson;
Music by J. Rosamond Johnson



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