

## MORNING PRAYER ~ THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

January 13, 2021

### OPENING SENTENCES

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All: Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken; (Isaiah 43:1)

**All: I have called you by name; you are mine.**

One: Praise the Lord.

**All: The Lord's name be praised.**

### OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray... (silence is kept)...

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known to the ends of the earth;

for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### PSALM 89:1-18 (read in unison)

*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;*

*from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.*

*For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;*

*you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*

*"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;*

*I have sworn an oath to David my servant:*

*'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'"*

*The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*

*and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;*

*for who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?*

*Who is like the LORD among the gods? -*

*a God who is feared in the council of the holy ones,*

*great and awesome to those all around.*

*Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?*

*O mighty LORD, your faithfulness is all around you.*

*You rule the raging of the sea and still the surging of its waves.*

*You have crushed Rahab with a deadly wound;*

*you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.*

*Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours;*

*you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.*

*You have made the north and the south;*

*Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.*

*You have a mighty arm;*

*strong is your hand and high is your right hand.*

*Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;*

*love and truth go before your face.*

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**PSALM 89:1-18** (continued)

**Happy are the people who know the festal shout!**  
**They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.**  
**They rejoice daily in your name;**  
**they are jubilant in your righteousness.**  
**For you are the glory of their strength,**  
**and by your favor our might is exalted.**  
**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;**  
**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 41:1-16**

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)*

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**Mark 1:29-45**

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**PRAYERS OF PRAISE, THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: Their mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

*(Time is kept for other prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession...)*

One: Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you.

As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

One: Let us arise and shine, for our light has come!

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Amen.**

One: Bless the Lord.

**All: The Lord's name be praised.**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Signs and words of peace are exchanged.)*



~ The psalm text comes from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox, 2018), in an inclusive/expansive language version first published in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Augsburg Fortress, 2006) and shared with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners.