

# The Church of the Epiphany Christmas Eve 2020

## Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families

### **In the Early Evening Book of Common Prayer Page 139**

*This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### *A Reading*

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ  
Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake.  
For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light  
shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the  
light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the  
face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

*A reading from a favorite children's Nativity book.*

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

*The Lord's Prayer**Officiant and People*

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.

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.

*The Collects*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*