

## Morning Prayer at FUMC-Epiphany

### Lighting of a candle

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen**

### Hymn

#### Confession of Sins and Words of Assurance

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

**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.** (silent personal confession)

May almighty God who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **AMEN**

#### The Lessons and Psalter

O Lord, open our lips

**And we shall declare your praise** (*Psalm 51:15*)

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

**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 Psalm:

**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.**

\*A reading from \_\_\_\_\_

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.** (silent meditation)

## **The Prayers**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## **Prayers of the People**

(Respond to each “Lord in your Mercy” with “**Hear our Prayer**”)

Together let us pray for the People of our congregation...

Those who suffer and those in trouble...

Our enemies and those who persecute us...

The concerns of this local community...

The world, its peoples, and its leaders...

The Church universal, its leaders, its members, and its mission...

The communion of saints...

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And sustain us by your Holy Spirit. Amen**

## **General Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer**

**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 ourselves 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.**

**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. (silence)**

## **The Song of Simeon- *Nunc dimittis***

*Luke 2:29-32*

<sup>29</sup> **“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;**

<sup>30</sup> **for my eyes have seen your salvation,**

<sup>31</sup> **which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,**

<sup>32</sup> **a light for revelation to the Gentiles**

**and for glory to your people Israel.”**

## **Benediction**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen. Romans 15:13

## **Passing of the Peace**