PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK  
Isaiah 6:1. Revelation 19:6; Psalm 100:1-5

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up,*
And the train of His robe filled the temple.
And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying,*
"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"
Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!*
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Know that the Lord, He is God:* it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
enter into His gates with thanks-giving,* and into His courts with praise.
For the Lord is good: His mercy is everlasting,* and His truth endures to all generations.

BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 forever and ever. Amen.

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And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER
Morning. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger: and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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This week of Epiphany, we will consider what it means that the light of Christ has dawned. We will see how His light calls all people to Himself, including even in the Gentiles. And we will see that this Christ is more than just a light, but a light with power, for He is also a king who rules us in mercy and righteousness. May these reflections bless your devotion to the Lord, that His light may shine on us to see better what it means that He is our king.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Psalm 96 – Proclaim to the Nations*

In this Psalm that begins our meditations during the week of Epiphany, we hear the Psalmist declare that we should not only praise God’s holy name, but that we would instruct the nations to do the same. This is the song of all creation, that we praise our Creator. This is the theme of Epiphany. It is the revealing of the Christ-child to the nations, and ALL of creation is meant to praise Him. As our Lord Himself said when He arrived in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday in Luke 19:40, if the people are silent, the earth itself will declare His glory. 

What a privilege it is to be able to praise our God Who has created us and redeemed us! O Lord, grant that I may rejoice to praise You as You have called me freely in the Gospel. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 2:1-12 – They Have Come to Worship Him*

This is the Feast Day of the Epiphany. We rejoice today that the light of the Gospel has shone upon the Gentiles the same as it did upon the Jews. Many of us Lutherans are recipients of God’s grace to include the Gentiles among His people as He promised to do from old. When the Magi arrived, how did Herod receive them? Herod was more concerned about his power than worshipping the true king and thereby lost his chance while the Magi were humble and went to the Lord to worship. Let us then seek to be like the Magi and worship in humility rather than missing it because of our earthly desires. O Lord, during this Epiphany season, please keep me focused on You rather than the cares of this world. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Isaiah 60:1-6 – The Light of Christ Shines*

Today, we hear about the light of God shining on His people, rousing them from their slumber. In the same way, the light of the star shone on the Magi and spurred them to seek out the Christ that they may worship the new-born king. In the same way, the Gospel of Jesus Christ shines on us. It rouses us from the dark slumber of eternal death and instead calls us into the light of salvation. What a wonderful joy it is to be counted amongst those who have been illumniated by the light of Jesus. We can joyfully give Him the praise that He rightly deserves. O Lord, keep me in this faith that I may always see Your light shine in the darkness and find my hope and comfort in You. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Isaiah 49:1-7 – Christ is The Light*

Today we return to the prophecy of Isaiah and we see the words of the Servant. Here, we find the Father telling His servant that He will be a light to the nations. This servant is of course, our Lord Jesus Christ. It was the son of Mary who was called Jesus while He was still in the womb. It was Jesus who was kept by the Father and prepared for His ministry. It was Jesus who was called to bring light to the tribes of Jacob. But He is also the light to the nations. He is your light. It is Jesus who calls us always onward, keeping us firm on the path of righteousness. O Lord, may Your light always guide me ever onward in my faithfulness to You. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 3:13-17 – The Revealing of Jesus to the People*

Today we see another significant event in the life of our Lord. We read about His baptism. The baptism of Jesus is something about which many scholars and theologians have said a great many things. But for us and for our theme this week, we remember that at His baptism, Jesus is revealed to the people. As we saw yesterday, the Father kept His servant until the proper time. At His baptism, the arrow that was Jesus was pulled from the quiver and revealed to the people. It was revealed to all present that day that Jesus is the Son of God. In Christ, we too are made the sons of God and He is pleased with us on account of Jesus. O Lord, I thank You for revealing Your Son to me and for giving me the grace to be wrapped in His righteousness that I do not deserve. I pray to support the work of these devotions please visit www.whatdoesthismean.org/support