Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# The second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 15 January 2023 at 10.00 am



"I will give you as a light to the nations."

*Isaiah 49.6*

# The Gathering

*Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter, during which the introit hymn is sung.*

**Awake, my soul, and with the sun**
**Thy daily stage of duty run;**
**Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise**
**To pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,**
**And live this day as if thy last:**
**Improve thy talent with due care;**
**For the great day thyself prepare.**

**Let all thy converse be sincere,**
**Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;**
**Think how all-seeing God thy ways**
**And all thy secret thoughts surveys.**

**Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,**
**And with the angels bear thy part,**
**Who all night long unwearied sing**
**High praise to the eternal King.**

**Glory to thee, who safe hast kept**
**And hast refreshed me whilst I slept;**
**Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,**
**I may of endless light partake.**

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,**
**All I design or do or say;**
**That all my pow'rs, with all their might,**
**In thy sole glory may unite.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**
**Praise him, all creatures here below,**
**Praise him above, angelic host,**
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Words: T. Ken (1637-1711)*
*Music: F. H. Barthélémon (1741-1808)*
*Hymn Tune: MORNING HYMN*

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

**Amen.**

# The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

**and also with you.**

# Words of Welcome

# Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

*cf Titus 2.11-14*

*Silence is kept.*

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Gloria in Excelsis

**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 Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

> Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
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> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
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> But I said, "I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."
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> And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Isaiah 49.1-7*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.*

**Bright the vision that delighted**
**Once the sight of Judah's seer;**
**Sweet the countless tongues united**
**To entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated**
**Cherubim and seraphim**
**Filled his temple, and repeated**
**Each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;**
**Earth is with its fullness stored;**
**Unto thee be glory given,**
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

**Heav'n is still with glory ringing,**
**Earth takes up the angels' cry,**
**'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,**
**'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,**
**With his holy Church below,**
**Thus unite we to adore him,**
**Bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;**
**Earth is with its fullness stored;**
**Unto thee be glory given,**
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

*Words: R. Mant (1776-1848)*
*Music: R. Redhead (1820-1901)*
*Hymn Tune: LAUS DEO (REDHEAD)*

# Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the

Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*John 1.29-42*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

*Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.*

# The Nicene Creed

*Please stand with the president.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,**
**the Father, the Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth,**
**of all that is,**
**seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**
**the only Son of God,**
**eternally begotten of the Father,**
**God from God, Light from Light,**
**true God from true God,**
**begotten, not made,**
**of one Being with the Father;**
**through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**
**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**
**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**
**he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again**
**in accordance with the Scriptures;**
**he ascended into heaven**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the Lord, the giver of life,**
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**
**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**
**who has spoken through the prophets.**
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**
**and the life of the world to come.**
**Amen.**

# Prayers of Intercession

*Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or sit to pray.*

*The response to the bidding*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*then at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**
**for the sake of your Son,**
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand with the president.*

## The Peace

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

*2 Corinthians 5.17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*This is usually a handshake shared with those near you.*

## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*A hymn is sung. During this hymn a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.*

**Will you come and follow me**
**If I but call your name?**
**Will you go where you don't know,**
**And never be the same?**
**Will you let my love be shown,**
**Will you let my name be known,**
**Will you let my life be grown**
**In you, and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind**
**If I but call your name?**
**Will you care for cruel and kind,**
**And never be the same?**
**Will you risk the hostile stare**
**Should your life attract or scare,**
**Will you let me answer prayer**
**In you, and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see**
**If I but call your name?**
**Will you set the pris'ners free,**
**And never be the same?**
**Will you kiss the leper clean**
**And do such as this unseen,**
**And admit to what I mean**
**In you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide**
**If I but call your name?**
**Will you quell the fear inside,**
**And never be the same?**
**Will you use the faith you've found**
**To reshape the world around**
**Through my sight and touch and sound**
**In you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true**
**When you but call my name.**
**Let me turn and follow you,**
**And never be the same.**
**In your company I'll go**
**Where your love and footsteps show.**
**Thus I'll move and live and grow**
**In you, and you in me.**

*Words: J. L. Bell (b. 1949) and G. Maule (1958-2019)*
*Music: Scottish traditional melody arr. C. Tambling (1964-2015)*
*Hymn Tune: KELVINGROVE*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer (E)

*Please kneel or sit.*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
**God of power and might,**
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Blessed Mary
St Anthony of Egypt, St Wulfstan, Richard Rolle
and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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,**
**the power and the glory,**
**for ever and ever.**
**Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**
**because we all share in one bread.**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**
**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**
**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,**
**grant us peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.*

*If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.*

*The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').*

*For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.*

***You, who teach us a new song,***
***and train our feet to follow:***
***meet us in our searching***
***and turn our eyes and hearts***
***to the one who gives his life for the world;***
***through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***
***Amen.***

## Choir Anthem

### 'Just as I am'

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, just as I am,
Just as I am, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, just as I am,
Just as I am, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, just as I am,
Just as I am, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, just as I am,
Just as I am, I come.

*Words: C. Elliott (1789-1871)*
*Music: J. H. Maunder (1858-1920)*

*The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows. Please remain seated.*

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,**
**His the sceptre, his the throne;**
**Alleluia, his the triumph,**
**His the victory alone:**
**Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion**
**Thunder like a mighty flood:**
**Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,**
**Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans**
**Are we left in sorrow now;**
**Alleluia, he is near us,**
**Faith believes, but knows not how;**
**Though the cloud from sight received him**
**When the forty days were o'er,**
**Shall our hearts forget his promise,**
**'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,**
**Thou on earth our food, our stay;**
**Alleluia, here the sinful**
**Flee to thee from day to day;**
**Intercessor, friend of sinners,**
**Earth's redeemer, plead for me,**
**Where the songs of all the sinless**
**Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,**
**Thee the Lord of lords we own;**
**Alleluia, born of Mary,**
**Earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;**
**Thou within the veil hast entered**
**Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;**
**Thou on earth both priest and victim**
**In the Eucharistic Feast.**

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*
*Music: R. H. Pritchard (1811-1887)*
*arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*
*Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL.*

**O for a closer walk with God,**
**A calm and heav'nly frame;**
**A light to shine upon the road**
**That leads me to the Lamb.**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,**
**How sweet their mem'ry still!**
**But they have left an aching void**
**The world can never fill.**

**The dearest idol I have known,**
**Whate'er that idol be,**
**Help me to tear it from thy throne,**
**And worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,**
**Calm and serene my frame;**
**So purer light shall mark the road**
**That leads me to the Lamb.**

*Words: W. Cowper (1731-1800)*
*Music: melody from 'Scottish Psalter' (1635)*
*Hymn Tune: CAITHNESS*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Father of all,**
**we give you thanks and praise,**
**that when we were still far off**
**you met us in your Son and brought us home.**
**Dying and living, he declared your love,**
**gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**
**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;**
**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**
**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**
**so we and all your children shall be free,**
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**
**through Christ our Lord.**
**Amen.**

*A hymn is sung.*

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**
**Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;**
**With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,**
**Kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;**
**High on his heart he will bear it for thee,**
**Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,**
**Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness**
**Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:**
**Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,**
**These are the off'rings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,**
**He will accept for the name that is dear;**
**Mornings of joy give for ev'nings of tearfulness,**
**Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**
**Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;**
**With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,**
**Kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.**

*Words: J. S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)*
*Music: melody from the 'Rheinhardt MS', Üttingen !754)*
*Hymn Tune: WAS LEBET*

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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