



17th January 2021

Second Sunday of Epiphany

*Our Celebrant and Preacher is
Revd Simon Foster.*

¶ Welcome and Introduction

♪ Hymn ♪

Christ, Whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance Divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.
and also with you.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your
holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our
bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship.

cf Romans 12.1

**Lord our God, in our sin we have
avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning
cloud, like the dew that goes
away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

cf Hosea 6

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you

from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus 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

A period of silent prayer

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word
of God as it comes to us in the reading
of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3.1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to
the LORD under Eli. The word of the
LORD was rare in those days; visions
were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had
begun to grow dim so that he could not
see, was lying down in his room; ³the
lamp of God had not yet gone out, and
Samuel was lying down in the temple of
the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called, 'Samuel!
Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and
ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you
called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie
down again.' So he went and lay down.
⁶The LORD called again, 'Samuel!'
Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,
'Here I am, for you called me.' But he
said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down
again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know
the LORD, and the word of the LORD
had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The
LORD called Samuel again, a third time.
And he got up and went to Eli, and said,
'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli
perceived that the LORD was calling
the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel,
'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you
shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant
is listening."' So Samuel went and lay
down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood
there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!'

And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 5.1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and

people and nation; ¹⁰you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♪ Song ♪

Worthy O worthy are You Lord,
worthy to be thanked and praised
and worshipped and adored. (X2)

Singing hallelujah,
Lamb upon the throne;
we worship and adore You,
make Your glory known:

Singing hallelujah,
glory to the King,
you're more than a conquerer,
you're Lord of everything.

Mark Kinzer

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets

wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**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

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect

your holiness.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you.

May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together.

We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.

Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.

We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity.

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

♪ Hymn ♪

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and
stress,

and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,

O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

The Eucharistic Prayer (G)

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all
things and all your works echo the
silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us
in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with
angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your 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.

How wonderful the work of your
hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her
children, you embraced a people as
your own.

When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our
Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink
this cup, we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon
the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in
glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes
for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring
before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in
your presence, form us in the likeness
of Christ, and build us into a living
temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with St Matthew and
all the saints to the vision of that
eternal splendour for which you have
created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the 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.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

♪ Song ♪

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit,
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

♪ Song ♪

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 prisoners 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.

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¶ The Dismissal

Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance and scatter the
darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the
way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you, and all
those whom you love and all those for
whom you pray this day and
for evermore.

Amen.

May we remain in the peace and love of
Christ.

Thanks be to God.



'See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the
Root of David, has conquered, so that
he can open the scroll and its seven
seals.'

Revelation 5.5b

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