

Communion Service:
16 January 2022
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Notices

- Home Communion – Wednesday daytime?
- Village Hall AGM – 8pm, Monday 17 Jan
- Communion on 13th Feb next month (not 20th)
- Hanover going ahead next week – 23 Jan

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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.

Come now is the time to worship

Verse

Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are
Before your God. Come.

Chorus

One day every tongue will confess
You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

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Saying Sorry

Father God, we are sorry for the things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves.

Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people more and more.

Amen.

Receiving Forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins, and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIV)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.
² The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.
³ You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the Lord will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.
⁵ As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.
⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.
⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."
They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his

glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Give thanks to the Lord (Forever)

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever.

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus x2

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Talk
by Adrian

Adapted Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to prayer.

Put me to deepening my life with you by deepening my life of prayer.

Put me to the faithful setting aside of time;

put me to listening;

put me to wonder;

put me to holding a broken world in your love;

put me to trusting.

I willingly expect to be changed by prayer:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield to being transformed by Christ.

Let me be changed by you and so change the world for you.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.

So be it. And this covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Transformed (Vision Hymn)

Transform, O Christ, your people

assembled in this place;

our longing to be prayerful

is gathering depth and pace:

just as those first disciples,

we too make our request –

‘Teach us to pray, Lord Jesus,

and lead us on our quest.

We glimpse you in the gospels

before the break of day,

alone there in the shadows

and making time to pray:

inspired by your example,

give us the grace to dare

to deepen our discipleship

through deepening times of prayer.

Who knows how this will change us?

What challenges await?

Who knows where prayer might lead us?

What love might come from hate?

So light the fire within us,

stir us afresh to pray;

we’re frail but long for faithfulness: transform us, Christ, today!

We long for peace and plenty
where all we see is war;
we long to feed the hungry,
to change the global law
which keeps the poor from thriving
and elevates the rich;
we long for holy justice:
teach us to pray for this.

We long to heal the forests,
protect the suffering seas,
to halt the melting ice-caps,
increase the hum of bees;
we know our need for wisdom
(so close to the abyss),
for unity, humility:
teach us to pray for this.

Transform, O Christ, your people assembled in this place,
attune us to your presence,
still us in your embrace:
then grace us as we listen,
hearts opening until,
with boldness and with vision,
we're nerved to do your will.

Susanna Gunner, November 2021

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Our Prayers

led by Sue

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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Holy Communion

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.

It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us
as your children
and welcomed us
to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him
and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love
upon the cross
and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread,
and 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.

**Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink
these holy gifts
make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church
throughout the world
we offer you
this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer
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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.
**We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Receiving Bread and Wine

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Prayer After Communion

**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.**

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Closing Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men
by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage
to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine
at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives
and make glad your hearts.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come
to the waters of new birth.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you,
now and always.

Amen.