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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

14th January 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: Church Hymnary 193. tune, Personent Hodie.

1. **God is love: his the care,
tending each, everywhere.
God is love — all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him:**

*Refrain: Sing aloud, loud, loud!
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God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him!*

2. **None can see God above;
all must here learn to love,
thus may we Godward move,
finding him in others,
sisters all, and brothers:**

Refrain

3. **Jesus shared joy and pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then;
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us:**

Refrain

4. **To our Lord praise we sing —
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty, showing God in beauty: *Refrain***

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)



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The Invocation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The priest welcomes and greets the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel!

John 1. 41, 49

The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray

**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.**

Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

cf Matthew 1.21

Let us confess our sins.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
Turn us from our sinful ways,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who became like us
that we might become like him. Amen.**

Absolution

By water and the word God frees us from sin,
and through the Holy Spirit
God raises us with Christ to new life.
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Eternal God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all,
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel [3. 1-10]

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.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the 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. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and 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. The 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.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The 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. Therefore 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.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

For the Psalm: Light type = Lectern side. **Bold type = other side.** *Italics = All*

Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:

**you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.**

You discern my path and the places where I rest:

you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue:

but you, Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before:

and have laid your hand upon me.

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.*

For you have created my inward parts:

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

*You knew my soul,
and my bones were not hidden from you:
when I was formed in secret,
and woven in the depths of the earth.*

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;

Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.

How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,
they are more in number than the sand:
**were I to come to the end,
I would still be with you.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [6. 12-20]

‘All things are lawful for me’, but not all things are beneficial. ‘All things are lawful for me’, but I will not be dominated by anything. ‘Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food’, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thank be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [1. 43-51]

GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip 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.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And 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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

A short period of quiet reflection follows the Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and
became truly human.**

**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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: *AHB 382/TiS 454. Tune, Was Lebet*

- 1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.**
- 2. Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.**
- 3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.**
- 4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.**

**5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811–75 alt.

This prayer may be said

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh: born of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, he was revealed as your Son. He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might break the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of
sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our sacrifice of praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and
gave you thanks, saying to his disciples,
'Take, and eat: this is my body which will be given for you.' ✠

In the same way he took the cup, saying,
'This is my blood which will be shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.' ✠

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,
with this bread and this cup,
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church: ✠
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries, filling them with your
Spirit and confirming them in the truth, that together we may praise you and
give you glory through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

We break the bread of life, to share in the body of Christ.
and that life is the light of the world:

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung as the bread is broken.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.

The Invitation to receive Communion.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Holy Communion is offered in two kinds,
Bread and Wine, using a Common Cup.*

*If you do not wish to partake of the Common Cup,
just receive the Bread.*

N.B. Dipping of the Host into the Cup is NOT allowed.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.**

**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.**

Notices

Concluding Hymn: *AHB 376/TiS 448. tune, Franconia.*

1. **Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**
2. **The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell with us in lowliness,
our pattern and our King:**
3. **still to the lowly soul
he will himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne
chooses the pure in heart.**
4. **Lord, we your presence seek;
this blessing now renew:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for you.**

John Keble 1792–1866
(vv. 1,3) and others

Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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