

THE PARISH OF ST PAUL, KERSAL MOOR AND ST ANDREW, CARR CLOUGH

MORNING PRAISE FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you at this Christmastide
And also with you

Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, like the magi, we enter into that place, that time, that journey, seeking a light for our darkness and a hope for our despair.
The star shines. **Let it shine in our lives**

Lord God, we step with them into a place in time which is filled with cosmic significance, led by a burning light in the heavens to seek the flickering, vulnerable flame of love in the midst of a world of shallowness and suspicion, of danger and darkness.
The star shines. **Let it shine in our lives**

Lord God, we share the hope with those men of ancient times that this little flame may yet set alight the world which bears the imprint of you, Creator of our small planet and of every planet and every star.
The star shines. **Let it shine in our lives**

Lord God, like the shepherds and the kings, we come to worship, bringing what we can, aware of our limitations, aware of our need to raise our eyes to new horizons, to a new earth and a new heaven.
The star shines. **We come by its light. We come in adoration. Let it shine in our lives. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Christmas Song of Triumph

Open our lips, Lord:
And we shall praise your name.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.
**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness has not overcome it.
The Lord is the strength of my life.

**My heart exults in the Lord;
My strength is exalted in my God....
There is no Holy One like the Lord,
No-one besides you: there is no Rock like our God.**

**For the Lord is a God of knowledge,
And by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
But the feeble gird on strength...**

**The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low; he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
He lifts the needy from the ash heap**

**To make them sit with princes
And inherit a seat of honour.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
And on them he has set the world.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

First Reading *1 Samuel 3: 1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *John 1: 43-end*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

Prayers

The response to each prayer

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Followed by

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

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.**

The Collect

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

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; and may the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts and fill our lives with his joy and peace.

Amen.

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

Amen.

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.