

Service sheet for January 17th 2021
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome & notices

Hymn – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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 rev'ence praise,
In deeper rev'ence 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,
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!
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,
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
They coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier

Opening Prayer

Let us pray

Loving God

We have come to worship you. Help us to pray to you in faith,
To sing your praise with gratitude, And to listen to your word
with eagerness;
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession

We now turn to a time of confession to a God who is quicker to forgive us than we are to ask for forgiveness.

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be
drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love
Bring us back to himself,
Forgive us our sins,
And assure us of his eternal love In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OT Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

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

Hymn – ‘O Lord, you search me and you know me’ which is based on Psalm 138

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Gospel reading

John 1:43-end

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

Talk - Richard Smout

Prayers of intercession

We now move to a time of prayer. These intercessions were written and prepared by Pearl Thearle.

Lord, as you called the disciples,
Open our ears to your calling,
Open our eyes to your presence,
Open our hearts to your love,
That we may hear you and hearing you, may love you,
And loving you, may serve you,
Whom to serve is perfect freedom,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We give you thanks, O Lord, for you have called us to know you and to proclaim you. Lord, make us worthy of our calling; may we be faithful to you in our discipleship. We pray that each in their calling may seek to do your will; that your church may be attentive to your word and seek to do your will, that we may share in the mission and saving work of Christ our Lord. We thank you, our heavenly Father.

We pray for all who feel they have laboured in vain. For all who have toiled hard and feel they have achieved nothing. For those, whose world has collapsed around them, through illness from the Covid virus.

We remember all who have recently been made homeless, and lost possessions. For those who have lost loved ones. We pray for all, who owing to illness, are unable to fulfil themselves. For all who are frustrated with life, For those who feel like giving up. Lord, surround them with your love and protection.

We pray for Peter Leonard, our Team Rector, Hannah, our Curate, Steve and Ethne, our Readers and our Churchwardens Peter and Flora. Give them your strength Lord, and surround them with your loving arms, in this difficult time, when so many people are suffering and dying from the Covid virus. Thank you for all their support and services during this time.

We pray for all those who are sick; Dot and Lawrence, Avril, Paul and Mary, Barry and Sally, Brenda from Lunchclub, Kizzie, Jim Baker, Olive and those we know personally. Please protect them and keep them safe.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect - 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.

Lord's prayer

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.

Hymn - 'There is a Redeemer' played by Hallam

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.

*Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.*

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

*Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.*

Melody Green

Blessing

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to us his glory
and pour upon us the riches of his grace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us and all whom we love,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

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