

# Morning Worship

*Welcome! If you are new, or visiting us, do introduce yourself to a member of clergy. Please take time to read the notes on the front inside cover.*

*As the service begins a welcome and any notices are given, and Banns of Marriage may be read.*

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your light springs up for the righteous  
*All* **and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

*The minister may say*

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*Prayers of Penitence*

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:  
Lord have mercy.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:  
Christ, have mercy.  
*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence may be kept*

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.**

*This prayer of thanksgiving, is said*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
king of the nations,  
to you be praise and glory forever.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.  
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts  
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit  
that we may witness to your gospel  
and declare your praise in all the earth.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Word of God

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.  
The readings may be followed by a time of silence.*

*The reader may say*

Here ends the reading.

*The readings may be followed by a time of silence,  
after which the responsory is said*

*All* O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
**let the whole earth tremble before him.**  
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.  
*All* **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**  
Tell out his salvation from day to day.  
*All* **Let the whole earth tremble before him.**  
Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
*All* **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

*from Psalm 96*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah), may be said by one voice or all, or alternate verses between the leader and the congregation*

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory God, source of all being,  
Eternal Word, Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*A sermon is preached when Morning Prayer is the principal service.*

The Creed

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

**We 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

*Intercessions are offered*

*Collect of the day is said*

*(The Collects can be found on pages 16-20 of this booklet)*

*and the Lord's Prayer*

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

*All* **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 Conclusion

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
There shall be no end.

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

*Readings, Collects and Post-Communion Prayers*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December      Christmas 1

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post-Communion*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January      Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:10-15; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

*Collect*

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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.

## *Post-Communion*

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Baptism of Christ

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

## **Collect**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.

## **Post Communion**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-9; Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-end

Collect

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.

Post Communion

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.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3

Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11

Collect

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.