

**Common Worship – Morning Prayer  
The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**



**The Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Sing Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne.  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.**

**"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"to be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our hearts reply,  
"for he was slain for us!"**

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings more than we can give,  
be, Lord, forever thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,  
and air, and earth, and seas,  
conspire to lift thy glories high,  
and speak thine endless praise!**

**The whole creation join in one,  
to bless the sacred Name  
of him who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.**

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
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## Introduction

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.

## Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing  
for all. Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us if  
we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**All**    **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.

**All**    **Amen.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
king of the nations,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

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 sing your praise in all the world.

**All**    **Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

### Scripture reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Sing** Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.

**He comes, the prisoners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim,  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with thy beloved Name.**

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Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

### **Scripture reading**

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

**All** For the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sing** O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free:  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim;  
and spread through all the earth abroad,  
the honours of thy name.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
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## The Creed

**All** 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 of intercession**

#### **The Collect**

**All 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.  
Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.**

**Sing I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.**

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make the darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Hear I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Hear I am Lord. Is it I LORD?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Hear I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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## The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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