

Worship Together
Sunday 28th January 2024



Welcome

As individuals, we have heard God's call to be here today, to listen for God speaking to us through Scripture, through teaching, music, and all we experience together, and through each other. As a community, we have gathered to help one another in discerning the word of God.

Hymn Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever more.
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer strong deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.

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Collect for the 4th Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Confession

God of truth, we bring to you those times when we have used cheap words to avoid costly action.

All Forgive us and grant us your spirit of strength.

We bring to you those times when we have hidden behind the letter of the law to avoid the challenge of the spirit of the law.

All Forgive us and grant us your spirit of discernment.

We bring to you those times when we have disrespected the authority of those you have called to show us a new way.

All Forgive us and grant us your spirit of wisdom.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All Amen.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn We bow down and confess

You are Lord in this place
We bow down and confess
You are Lord in this place

*You are all I need
It's Your face I seek
In the presence of Your light
We bow down we bow down*

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Hymn To be in Your presence

To sit at Your feet
Where Your love surrounds me
And makes me complete

*This is my desire O Lord
This is my desire
This is my desire O Lord
This is my desire*

To rest in Your presence
Not rushing away
To cherish each moment
Here I would stay

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1st Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."
For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

2nd Reading

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Talk

Hymn Jesus Jesus

Holy and Anointed One
Jesus

Jesus Jesus
Risen and Exalted One
Jesus

*Your name is like honey on my lips
Your Spirit like water to my soul
Your Word is a lamp unto my feet
Jesus I love You I love You*

Jesus Jesus

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Authorisation of Communion Assistants

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Notices and birthdays

Hymn Thy hand, O God, has guided

thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave Thy work undone;
with Thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord

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Final Prayer

All God, thank you that we do not have to seek you on our own. As the people who gathered in crowds and synagogues recognised together the authority of Jesus, so may we work together as a community to recognise your voice in our worship and our lives. Amen.

Blessing

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