*Morning Prayer Epiphany Season
Sunday, 21 January 2024, The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

This Sunday we are looking forward to worshipping with you on Zoom or Conference Call at 9.30am (lines open up at 9.15am)

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**Preparation**

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

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

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Psalm 100*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

***Psalmody***

***The appointed psalmody is said.***

*Psalm 113*

*From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.*

Alleluia.
Give praise, you servants of the Lord,
O praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God,
that has his throne so high,
yet humbles himself to behold
the things of heaven and earth?

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ashes,

To set them with princes,
with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a place in the house
and makes her a joyful mother of children.
Alleluia.

***From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.***

***From the rising of the sun to its setting
we praise your name, O Lord;
may your promise to raise the poor from the dust
and turn the fortunes of the needy upside down
be fulfilled in our time also,
as it was in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen***

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

*Scripture reading*

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ‘Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.’ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, ‘Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

***Canticle***

***Refrain:***

**Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God’s glory appears.**

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Though night still covers the earth,
and darkness the peoples;

Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God’s glory appears.

The nations will come to your light,
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day nor by night.

The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation,
and your gates, Praise.

No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor moonlight shine upon you;

But the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.

For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God’s glory appears.**

***Scripture Reading***

Mark‬

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Time of Reflection

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

*from Psalm 96*

**Prayers**

We praise and thank you that you are our strength, O God.
As we face the troubles and the pain of the world you made and love,
may we know your voice and trust your promises.

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

In the humble tasks and daily routines that keep our churches
and communities functioning;
when we sometimes feel exhausted and wonder if we are in the right place

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

In food banks, Citizens Advice offices and CHAT
when the needs are greater than the resources to meet them
and the world is becoming increasingly unequal,
call us to respond with what we have.

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

In the freezing cold, when the needs of the homeless are close to us
and families struggle to heat their homes, show us what you want us to do.

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

In parliament, in local government and in public life;
when we long for society to be rebuilt and for hope to be restored,
keep us prayerful for the leaders in our country and for the king.

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you..**

In the Middle East, in Ukraine, Ecuador and in Somalia,
when conflict threatens to spiral out of control
and peace is a distant dream: may we imagine your future.

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

In difficult decisions and in response to voices from the margins;
for those in sickness, those close to death and those in need whom we name now:
(add names who need prayer). Draw close to the families of those who have died especially (add the names of the deceased).

In our daily call to serve others:

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

In your Word and in the company of your people,
when we hear your call to trust and we know the time for action is now:

Be our guide; shelter and shape us:
**we place our trust in you.**

***Silence may be kept.***

***The Collect of the day is said***

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.
**Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

**The Conclusion**

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

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