

Sunday 9th January - First Sunday of Epiphany, 9.15am



A warm welcome to All Saints. Please join in with the words in bold.

Welcome

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn HON 242

Immortal, invisible God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as
light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;

In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on
the tree,
And wither and perish;
But naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of
light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to
see,
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.

Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour in thought and
word and deed, through negligence,
through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins. For the sake
of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for
us, forgive us all that is past and grant
that we may serve you in newness of
life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who
truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from
all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (*sung*)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give
you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Bible Readings

Isaiah 43: 1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

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

Communion

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise...for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord you are holy indeed...

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray
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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Closing Hymn HON 115

Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
guide of the nations from the night
profound,
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld
by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy
love,
by virtue of thy well-belovèd Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts, that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever
tend; as one with him, our Brother and
our Friend.

We would be one in hatred of all
wrong, one in our love of all things
sweet and fair, one with the joy that
breaketh into song, one with the grief
that trembles into prayer, one in the
power that makes thy children free to
follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heav'nly armour,
Lord, thy trusty shield, thy sword of
love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure
be; enough to know that we are
serving thee.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the
image of his glory and gladden your
hearts with the good news of his
kingdom; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

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

Voluntary: *Prelude, Wir Christenleut'
habn jetzund Freud* BWV 612 ('We
Christian people now have joy') - J S Bach

Thank you for being part of our
worship this week. Please join us
afterwards for coffee in the Church
Hall.

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