



St John the Divine

Eucharist Service

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

24th January 2021

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Hymn: 589 - Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
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1. **Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':**
2. **as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.**
3. **Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**
4. **In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**
5. **Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent, and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1.15

Let us pray.

**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.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA AND COLLECT

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Let us pray.

Bountiful God,
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,
to believe the good news,
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,
to hear the call to discipleship,
and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Jonah 3.1-10:

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 the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose
from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with
sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation
made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his
nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall
taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink
water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with
sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall
turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in
their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his
mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do
not perish.'

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.

May your word live in us,

and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 62.5-12

From God comes my hope and my salvation.

⁵ Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:
for from him comes my hope.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation:
my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

From God comes my hope and my salvation.

⁷ In God is my deliverance and my glory:
God is my strong rock and my shelter.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O my people:
pour out your hearts before him,
for God is our refuge.

From God comes my hope and my salvation.

⁹ The children of Adam are but breath,
the children of earth are a lie:
place them in the scales and they fly upward,
they are as light as air.

¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion,
do not grow worthless by robbery:
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

From God comes my hope and my salvation.

¹¹ God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say:
that power belongs to God,

¹² That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness:
for you reward each one of us
according to our works.

From God comes my hope and my salvation.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 1.14-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time
is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon
and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for
they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me
and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately
they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little
farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother
John, who were in their boat mending the nets.
Immediately he called them; and they left their father
Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed
him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the
nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins
in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

Father, forgive us.

**Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has
become new.

2 Corinthians 5.17

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: There will always be a reason

John Campbell

tune: *Sans Day Carol* ('Now the holly bears a berry')

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- 1. There will always be a reason
why we could say, 'No!'
when our Jesus comes and calls us
to get up and go.**

*When our Jesus comes to challenge us
to follow faithfully,
when our Jesus comes and calls us
to share his journey, journey, journey,
when our Jesus comes and calls us
to share his journey.*

- 2. It will never be a dawdle,
or painless to do,
when our Jesus comes and calls us
to live life anew.**

- 3. It will surely bring surprises
and risks all unknown,
when our Jesus comes and calls us
to trust him alone.**

- 4. Yet no other way of living
can match or compare
what our Jesus seeks to offer;
say, 'Yes!', if you dare.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.**

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and
feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.
God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in
darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Hymn: Dear Father, Lord of humankind

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92) alt. - tune: Repton

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1. **Dear Father, Lord of humankind,**
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. **In simple trust like theirs who heard,**
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.
3. **O sabbath rest by Galilee!**
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!
4. **Drop thy still dews of quietness,**
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5. **Breathe through the heats of our desire**
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and those whom you love and pray for,
now and always. **Amen.**

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

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There is only one 9am service on Sunday 24 January (live-streamed).

After this our usual service schedule resumes:

- 8am & 10am Sunday services from 31 January
- 10am Wednesday services continue as usual

The 10am Sunday service will continue to be live-streamed for now, but we are considering live-streaming the 8am service instead.