



The Third Sunday of Epiphany Sunday 22nd January 2023

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn 580

Judge eternal, throned in splendour, Lord of lords and King of kings, with thy living fire of judgment purge this realm of bitter things: solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release: and the city's crowded clangour cries aloud for sin to cease; and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour; cleave our darkness with thy sword; cheer the faint and feed the hungry with the richness of thy word; cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

The president says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.** **The Greeting**

Please stand

A minister says

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 in Excelsis

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing. We worship you, to you our hearts we raise, Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won, Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord, At God's right hand, in majesty most high. Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored With all the heavenly host, we glorify.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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 Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9. 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 258

O thou who camest from above the fire celestial to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat; till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Gospel Reading

Please stand.

The Gospel is announced.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Matthew 4.12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need: Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel, Barbara Farrar, Grace, Bob Nind, Rosemary, Judith, Josie, Baby Ezra, Diana Harrison, Polly Friedhoff, Evelyn Clare, George, Bob Southgate, Benji.

Those who have died recently: Stephanie Skold, Ian Wylie, Frank Giles.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: David Saville, Robert Oliver, Peter Hughes, Dennis Dymond.

And at the end

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

All may exchange a sign of Peace.

Hymn 630

Father, Lord of all creation, ground of being, life and love; height and depth beyond description only life in you can prove: you are mortal life's dependence: thought, speech, sight are ours by grace; yours is every hour's existence, sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for others, we, your people, make our prayer: help us love – as sisters, brothers – all whose burdens we can share. Where your name binds us together you, Lord Christ, will surely be; where no selfishness can sever there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning wind and flame of Pentecost, fire our hearts afresh with yearning to regain what we have lost. May your love unite our action, never more to speak alone: God, in us abolish faction, God, through us your love make known.

Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes; Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name. Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes; Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name. who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour 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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.



Giving of Communion

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

As the president receives the bread and wine, all who wish to receive communion join in saying 'Amen'.

This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system back to your seat. Those sitting towards the back will be invited to come forwards first. If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. The chalice is being administered from the Lady Chapel step. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice. Please note that there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine still to receive communion in one kind only (the bread). If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing instead, please do come forwards as well.

Hymn 501

One is the body and one is the Head, one is the Spriit by whom we are led; one God and Father, one faith and one call for all.

Christ who ascended to heaven above is the same Jesus whose nature is love, who once descended to bring to this earth new birth.

Gifts have been given well-suited to each, some to be prophets, to pastor or preach, some, through the gospel, to challenge, convert and teach.

Called to his service are women and men so that his body might ever again witness through worship, through deed and through word to Christ our Lord.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) based on Ephesians 4.11-16

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.** You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Out

Hymn 559

Please stand

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

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.**

The Dismissal

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Voluntary: Processional William Mathias (1934-1992)

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Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it. We no longer pass the collection plate around during the service, but you are welcome to use the collection plate at the back of church, or the contactless machine, if you would like to make a donation to support the work of our church.

Notices: January 22nd

Sunday Jan 22nd: Third Sunday of Epiphany 8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Church

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: (9am Monday to Thursday). Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am. Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday Jan 29th: Candlemas

8am Holy Communion 10am All Age Parish Eucharist. **February Choral Evensong** there will be Choral Evensong on Sunday February 5th at 6pm. All are welcome.

Introit: Hymn 21 O strength and stay upholding all creation Responses: Byrd Psalm: 4 Canticles: Gibbons short service Anthem: Attwood, Teach me O Lord

2023: A time to build As we mark a new church year, we invite everyone to pray for our church building project: that 2023 would be a 'time to build': God of vision and hope, we thank you for our church building; a place of prayer and pilgrimage, witnessing to your love and presence in our midst. We pray for our plans to develop the building to further the work of your kingdom in this and future generations. We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need to bring the project to completion, and that we would be united in vision and focus as we work towards this goal, in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Amen.

Newsletter The deadline for the next online newsletter is next Thursday **26 January**. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at <u>newsletter@hthq.uk</u>. Thank you very much.

Save the Date – The Parish Trip to the seaside in Bournemouth at Alum Chine is back by popular demand! Book a seat now for 17th June leaving the Coach house at 8.30am seats are £15 each. For more information or to reserve your seat please talk to Frances or email <u>frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk</u> For those of you who have never been on the trip this is for all ages to visit a wonderful sandy safe beach, with gardens behind, a long sea front and great facilities including a play area.

Warm Welcome Space: in the Coach House, on Fridays 10am – 12pm (11.30-2pm 3rd Friday of the month). Please let as many people know about this as you can and take a poster to put up. No

booking required just turn up. For info contact Margaret Taylor 765051 or Elizabeth Knight 761476.

Asylum Welcome are in urgent need of donations to their food bank as stocks are currently running very low. They currently provide food to over 80 adults and children on a weekly basis, distributing up to 1000 items for tinned and fresh food every week. They rely entirely on donations for their food bank and are currently particularly in need of cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, milk (UHT) and tinned fish. Please put items in the crate at the back of church You can find a list of all the items that are needed on this page: https://www.asylumwelcome.org/food/. Thank you for your support.

Headington Repair Café: Don't condemn broken tools etc to landfill! As of January 10th, the Bring and Fix Café is back every Tuesday 10.00-12.00 in the (newly-revamped) Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS. Experts offer to fix most small electric and household items. Free tea/coffee, biscuits and parking are available. A small donation is appreciated. For further information please phone: 07792 49 13 50. Hilary Rollin for Eco Group

Eco Church Resources New Year, New Eco Resources List. For a range of suggestions and links to material on topics related to Climate Change, go to: <u>https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/</u> Hilary Rollin, for Eco Church Group.

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: How environmentally-friendly is your bathroom? The average family is said to get through a staggering total of 20 plastic bottles of handwash, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner each year. By switching to bars or refillable liquids you'll be sparing the environment a hundred or so plastic bottles per year. Yes, of course you could recycle them, but better by far if they are not produced in the first place! Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group **Pastoral care team** Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, Nell Slocock or Anne Tarassenko.

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As the Anglican parish in Headington Quarry, Risinghurst and Wood Farm, we are here for every local resident. Our church is open every day. We hope that you will find God's peace as you come to pray or just sit and rest awhile. If you have questions about the Christian faith or would like to find out more about church life, please get in touch:

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