

A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
2nd Sunday after Epiphany - January 17, 2021

The Penitential Rite

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

The Lord is our light and our life: O come let us worship.

#253 Be Thou My Vision



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true Son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory is won, may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish c8th century, translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931, Eleanor H Hull 1860-1935

The Proclamation of the Word

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20);

Psalm 139:1-5,12-17

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
A reflection on the readings (see attached - written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

#60 Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house thy home,
descend with all thy gracious powers: O come, great Spirit, come!



Come as the light: to us reveal our emptiness and woe;
and lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

Come as the wind: sweep clean away what dead within us lies,
and search and freshen all our souls with living energies.

Come as the fire: and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame;
let our whole soul and offering be to our Redeemer's name.

Spirit divine, attend our prayer: make a lost world thy home;
descend with all thy gracious powers: O come, great Spirit, come!

Andrew Reed 1787-1862

Prayers (see litany below)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Joanne, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, the front line workers who continue to serve in the midst of this pandemic.

18 A Responsive Intercession

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.
For *Anne* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the day

Almighty God, your 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; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's prayer

#348 Strengthen For Service

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs to clamour never waken.



Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy bodies fed with thy new life replenish.

From the liturgy of Malabar, translated by Charles W. Humphreys 1840-1921, Percy Dearmer 1867-1936

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. **People Thanks be to God!**

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