

# St John the Evangelist East Dulwich



The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
24 January 2021

## 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.**

## GREETING

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## INTRODUCTION

## PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world  
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned:  
**forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned:  
**forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned:  
**forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.  
We have sinned:  
**forgive and heal us.**

The magi followed the star to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
We have sinned:  
**forgive and heal us.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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**

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.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING:** *Revelation 19: 6-10*

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING:** *John 2: 1-11*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **THE NICENE 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 flesh.  
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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, hear us,  
Lord, graciously hear us.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessèd art thou among women  
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

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

## **THE 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **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.**

*The president gives thanks for God's goodness*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The president recalls God's mighty acts **Amen.***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Lord, you stand at the door and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you  
now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me  
in your blood, that I may be your blessing  
to a world in need. **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Christ, who by his incarnation  
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
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.**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.**

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)  
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## NOTICES

**Contributions for The Gander.** We would love to hear your tips and advice for how to keep body and mind well during this latest lockdown; your indoor exercises and stretches, diet suggestions, or books and podcasts which are helping you cope. And we would also particularly like to hear from parents of small children who are juggling childcare with working from home, whether you have some ideas on how to make it work or just to share your experiences. Please contact Sue O'Neill [sue.oneill@virgin.net](mailto:sue.oneill@virgin.net), 07961 580 920.

**Goose Green Coffee Morning.** We continue to meet each week on Zoom, from 11.30 until 1pm on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome even if just for a quick chat. We have a Film Group planned on the 27 January, when we will discuss the Hitchcock Classic 'North by Northwest' which is available to view this month on iPlayer. On the 24 February we will be discussing 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo, which won the Booker Prize in 2019. This is available to purchase online, including at Hive which supports independent book shops and you can also order by phone (020 3176 3838). The price is £7.89 and assistance is available with this if needed. For Zoom details and any other queries please contact Sue O'Neill [sue.oneill@virgin.net](mailto:sue.oneill@virgin.net), 07961 580 920.

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