



the season of Epiphany

St. Mary's
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SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY 2022

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

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
and to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord. **All praise to his name.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, king of the nations, to you be praise and glory for
ever. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the
world. As the sun of righteousness dawns in our hearts anoint our lips with the seal
of your Spirit that we may witness to your gospel and sing your praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

HYMN 330

1 God is here! As we his people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us,
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore,
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you, we believe!

PENITENCE

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray: through our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path.

c.f. Psalm 119:105

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

BIBLE READING - SERMON

HYMN 361

I Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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.**

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**

Father, use us, unworthy as we are, to bring in your kingdom of mercy,
justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son,
that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.**

1 To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the earth hear his voice!
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
 Let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
 and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
 to every believer the promise of God;
 the vilest offender who truly believes,
 that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
 and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 but purer, and higher, and greater will be
 our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

A THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
 For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
 let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,
 let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross
 and his resurrection to new life,
 let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world,
 let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us,
 let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church
and the life of the world,
let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us say together:

Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.

**May the lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth;
may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what
is good and may our lives as well as our worship
be always pleasing in your sight,
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ the Son 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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Monday Evening - 7:30 pm

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John 2:1-11

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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