



The Parish Church of St John the Baptist West Byfleet

The Third Sunday of Epiphany



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Sunday 24th January

Introduction and welcome

Revd Clive Kirk introduces our service for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany.

Opening Prayers

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

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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 heart
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 *Christ is our light*

Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

Christ is our love! baptized that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see you in the light of heaven's embrace.

Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Words: Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

Tune: Godmanchester; Peter Moger (b1964)

Prayer of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrong doing and cleanse us from our sins.
Renew a right spirit with in us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Collect for the day

The Collect for The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonders 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

Bible Reading, followed by a Thought for the day

John 2.1-11

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.

Music for reflection

O taste and see

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

Words: Psalm 34.8

Music: R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated on the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following responsive forms are used:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Concluding with The Lord's Prayer :

**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.**

Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

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.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)
Tune: St Edmund; Charles Steggall (1826-1905)*

Concluding prayer and Blessing

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
may your people,
illuminated 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.

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,

pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

Amen.

May God the And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be
with you and all whom you love and care for, this day and for ever
more.

Amen.

The Organ Voluntary is *Trumpet Voluntary* by John Stanley (1712-86).

Coming up soon online....

Next Sunday 31st January the Revd Jean Robinson leads our service for Candlemas – the end of the Christmas season. The following week, we welcome Revd Keith Elford for his first service at St John's.

Please join us again for these services!

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