

Morning Worship Online – 17th January 2021

Epiphany 2

Words of Welcome – Gareth

I. *The Introduction*

I shall appoint you a light to the nations so that my salvation may reach earth's farthest bounds.

Isaiah 49:6

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Jesus said: 'The first commandment is: "Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Silence

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Help us to amend our lives;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glorious God,
you reveal yourself to the world
and call us to be a royal priesthood,
to show forth the praises of Christ
who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
May we present ourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to you,
King of all kings and Lord of all lords.
Blessed be God for ever.

2. *The Ministry of the Word*

Hymn – I, the Lord of sea and sky

Reading – John 1:43-51 – Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

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

Sermon – Adam

The Apostles’ Creed

**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,
and is seated at 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.**

3. *Prayers – Hay and Stardust, pp. 73-74*

The response to: Lord, in your mercy

Is: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father, as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please turn over

4. *Conclusion*

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.

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

May God the Holy Spirit,
who, at the river Jordan,
descended upon the Beloved Son, in the likeness of a dove,
pour out his gifts on you
who have been washed in the waters of new birth.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be
amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Hymn – Lord, of all hopefulness