

***Second Sunday after the Epiphany***

Sunday 19 January 2020



All Souls Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Vivienne Pyle

Christ Church Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Judy Vause

***Welcome to worship in this sacred season***

**Opening Prayer**

**Processional Hymn**

1. I will enter his gates

with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say this is the day

that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice

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**Gathering**

Sing a new song,

**a song of thanks and praise,**

for God has done wondrous deeds,

**and is great beyond compare!**

Come let us worship God.

**Repentance and Forgiveness**

We come seeking forgiveness for the thoughts, words, actions and inactions which have gone against the grain of God’s love.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins and the sins of our community.

**O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love,and teach us to live in a way
that brings honour and glory to your name;through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ!Know that you are forgiven and live in peace. **Amen.**

**Sentence**

Jesus said to them “Come and see.” *John 1 : 39*

**Collect**

**God for whom we long,**

**you know what each one of us is looking for.**

**You sent your Son Jesus to help us find our way.**

**Enable us to respond to his invitation to come and see,**

**so that we may truly hear him and follow him.**

**We ask this through the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

**The Readings**

* ***Isaiah 49 : 1 - 7***

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

* ***Psalm 40 : 1 - 11***

I waited patiently for the Lord;
   he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the desolate pit,
   out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
   making my steps secure.**
He put a new song in my mouth,
   a song of praise to our God.
**Many will see and fear,
   and put their trust in the Lord.**

Happy are those who make
   the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
   to those who go astray after false gods.
**You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
   your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
   none can compare with you.**
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
   they would be more than can be counted.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
   but you have given me an open ear.**
Burnt-offering and sin-offering
   you have not required.
**Then I said, ‘Here I am;
   in the scroll of the book it is written of me.**
I delight to do your will, O my God;
   your law is within my heart.’

**I have told the glad news of deliverance
   in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
   as you know, O Lord.**
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
   I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

Do not, O Lord, withhold
   your mercy from me;
**let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
   keep me safe for ever.**

* ***1 Corinthians 1 : 1 - 9***

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**Gradual Hymn**

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

the Holy One, is here;

come, bow before him now,

with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,

we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord

is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,

with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,

our radiant King of Light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord

is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place,

he comes to cleanse and heal,

to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,

in faith, receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place.

* ***John 1 : 29 - 42***

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Praise and glory to God.**

*After the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**The Sermon**

**The Prayers**

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn**

1. See ye first the kingdom of God

and his righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you;

allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

2. You shall not live by bread alone,

but by ev’ry word

that proceeds from the mouth of God;

allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,

seek and ye shall find;

knock, and it shall be opened unto you;

allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

 **The Great Thanksgiving**

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bright shining God,

inner light of all faithful souls,

we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art.

We rejoice that you have made us in your image

and call us to live in your limitless love.

You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising.

You sent your only child, our morning star,

to light a way in our night

and lead us to justice and peace.

Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives.

Each daybreak you call us to

feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed,

heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds,

and keep watch for the dawn of your commonwealth on earth.

For all of this we give you thanks.

And we praise you,

joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven,

who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

Tune: *Slane –Be thou my vision*

***Holy, most holy, all holy our God,***

***in power, might and wisdom forever adored!***

***The earth and the heavens are full of your love;***

***our joyful hosannas re-echo above.***

***Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he***

***whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free:***

***who comes in the name of the Author of light,***

***let endless hosannas resound in the height!***

On the night he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks

broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body given for you.

Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, saying,

This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood,

shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup

that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us.

Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives.

Enlighten us that we may be your people,

the body of the risen Christ,

the light of the world,

set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light.

**Amen**.

As Christ teaches us we pray and sing

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory**

**are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Come God’s people.
Come to receive Christ’s heavenly food.

**The Distribution of Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by keeping your hands by your side.*

**Prayer After Communion**

Creator God,
We praise you for your love in coming to us,

unworthy though we are.
**Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,
and the courage to be Christ for others**. **Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing**

**Final Hymn**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness,

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people

light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts,*

*Shine through the darkness,*

*Christ be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone, has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Christ be our light*

1. Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come.

*Christ be our light*

**Dismissal**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen! We go in the name of Christ.**

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

Isaiah 9 : 1 - 4 Psalm 27 : 1, 4 - 9

1 Corinthians 1 : 10 - 18 Matthew 4 : 12 - 23

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***B.B.Q TOURNAMENT***

Saturday 25 January

Parish Hall

Entry $40 (includes Barbeque

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**Painting Fund for Christ Church, Alfriston**

*A fund has been established for the repainting of Christ Church, Alfriston. If you would like to contribute to this project, please use an envelope from the back of the church and place in the collection plate.*

*This work is in progress this week.*

May God’s steadfast love and mercy lead you,

and make your steps secure,

keeping you forever safe

on the paths of righteousness and peace.

