

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Sunday 8th January 2023 - Epiphany Sunday

Welcome to our hybrid Sunday Service. We continue to gather with many of us in church this morning and others joining us online. You are all most welcome!

Please join in with the words in **bold** print.

GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you
and also with you.

HYMN 49 As with gladness

CONFESSION

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.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The almighty and merciful Lord grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all
your sins, time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

GLORIA

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.

COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,
 who led the Magi by a star
 to worship the Christ-child:
 guide and sustain us,
 that we may find our journey's end
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

BAPTISM READING Matthew 10 verses 13-16

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

HYMN 552 O worship the Lord**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
 and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 2 verses 1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

TALK

Turn to Baptism service page 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Between the prayers we say

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers we say

Merciful God,
**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

We share a sign of peace

HYMN 525

One more step along the world I go

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us

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 prayer continues ...

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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 prayer continues ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

The prayer continues ...

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so 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**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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.**

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.**

Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN 436 Majesty

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES

HYMN 724 We three kings

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and those you love, today and always.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

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