

*Morning Prayer at All Saints Church, Gosforth  
Epiphany Season, The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday, 24 January 2021*

*Reflective music.*

## **Introduction**

## **Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***This opening prayer may be said***

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***


As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.


**All Amen.**


## **The Word of God**


***Psalm 113***


<sup>1</sup>Alleluia.


Give praise, you servants of the Lord,   
O praise the name of the Lord.


<sup>2</sup>Blessed be the name of the Lord,   
from this time forth and for evermore.


<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting   
let the name of the Lord be praised.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations   
and his glory above the heavens. *R*

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God,  
that has his throne so high,   
yet humbles himself to behold  
the things of heaven and earth?

<sup>6</sup>He raises the poor from the dust   
and lifts the needy from the ashes,

<sup>7</sup>To set them with princes,   
with the princes of his people.

<sup>8</sup>He gives the barren woman a place in the house   
and makes her a joyful mother of children.  
Alleluia.

***All* Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## ***Scripture reading***

*Genesis 14:17-20*

### ***Canticle***

***All*** Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

<sup>2</sup>Though night still covers the earth,  
and darkness the peoples;

<sup>3</sup>Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.

<sup>4</sup>The nations will come to your light,  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

<sup>5</sup>Your gates will lie open continually,  
shut neither by day nor by night.

<sup>6</sup>The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

<sup>7</sup>You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and your gates, Praise.

<sup>8</sup>No more will the sun give you daylight,  
nor moonlight shine upon you;

<sup>9</sup>But the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your splendour.

<sup>10</sup>For you shall be called the city of God,  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b*

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as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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### ***Scripture Reading***

*John 2:3:16-21*

### ***Reflection – Rev'd Andrew Shipton***

### ***Hymn sung by Mr John Lewis***

***A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or  
another form, may follow***

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
**All** let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.  
**All** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.  
**All** Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
**All** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

## ***Gospel Canticle***

### ***The Benedictus***

***All*** This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,  
the one who will bring healing to the nations.

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

<sup>2</sup>He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

<sup>3</sup>Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

<sup>4</sup>To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

<sup>5</sup>This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

<sup>6</sup>Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

<sup>7</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

<sup>8</sup>To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

<sup>9</sup>In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>10</sup>To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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the one who will bring healing to the nations.

**Intercessions**  
**Revd Ruth Birnie**

**Hymn sung by Mr John Lewis**

**The Collect of the day is said**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder 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. **All Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer is said***

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,  
give us the power of his Spirit.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## **The Blessing**

**Reflective music**

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