

CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY



Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after the
Epiphany

11am Sunday 16th January 2022

(live stream www.churchservices.tv/christchurchbray)

Musical Prelude

The Gathering of God's People

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

Hymn 451

1 We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured,
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

2 We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

3 One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine –
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

God of abiding love,
present in all our beginnings,
acquainted with all of our ways,
intricately woven into the depths of all things –
You understand our thoughts from far off,
and know our ways intimately.
As we gather to worship You,
nothing is hidden from You.
May we recognise Your voice in our midst.
As we gather to give You thanks and praise,
may we relish all of the days You have written for us.
As we sing, pray and tell our stories,
Grant that when we come to the end of ourselves
we would find You.

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

May almighty God forgive us, and give us the courage and strength of the Holy Spirit to turn away from sin and to follow Christ. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who

activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Venite

1 O come let us sing | out · to the | Lord;
let us shout in triumph to the | rock of | our sal|vation.
2 Let us come before his | face with | thanksgiving
and cry | out · to him | joyfully · in | psalms.
3 For the Lord is a | great | God
and a great | king a·bove | all | gods.
4 In his hand are the | depths · of the | earth
and the peaks of the | mountains ·are | his | also.
5† The sea is his and | he | made it,
his hands | moulded | dry | land.
6 Come let us worship and | bow | down
and kneel be|fore the | Lord our | maker.
7 For he is the | Lord our | God;
we are his | people · and the | sheep of · his | pasture.
8 Today if only you would | hear his | voice,
do not harden your | hearts · as you | did · in the | wilderness;
9 When your | forebears | tested me,
put me to the proof though | they had | seen my | works.
10 Forty years long I loathed that gene|ration · and | said,
It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they | do not | know my | ways;
11 Of whom I | swore · in my | wrath,
They | shall not | enter · my | rest.
Glory.....

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some

out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Collect of the Word

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Sermon

<i>The Response to God's Word</i>
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Let us confess the faith of the Church.

**We believe in God the Father,
who made the world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son,
who redeemed humankind.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

The Prayers of the People

The Lord of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives**

**make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eternal God,
Present among us.
You are with us in our gathering,
You are with us in our distancing.
Hear our prayers,
and blend our voices together,
unite us by Your Spirit
as we join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray,
in the language of our heart...

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**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.**

Going Out as God's People

Keep us, heavenly Father, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

You have called us here, O God,
And now you call us out, you call us on, you call us forwards.

As we go from here, O God,
We know your Spirit goes before us.
Guide us, by that Spirit, to know your voice when you call, to follow in your way, and
to bring your Kingdom closer, today.

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us now and forever more. Amen.**

Hymn 491

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Recessional music

Next Sunday 23rd January

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th January

11am Family Service with Holy Baptism

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Contacts

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