

Service for the Second Sunday of Epiphany



St Laurence Church, Downton

17 January 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

We have come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,

who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
**whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**

This is our God.

Let's worship together!

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. **Amen.**

The Team Rector introduces the service

Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise
(St Martin's Voices)

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star,
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:

anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), and Compilers of 'Rejoice and Sing'

Responsorial:

Gentle and patient
God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent
God, you are calling.

In grieving and in praise
God, you are calling.

Through dawn and midday
God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned
God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in power
God, you are calling.

Spontaneous and prepared
God, you are calling.

Willing or protected
God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,
wherever we are in our journey.
May we be diligent to listen.
God, you are calling.

Consider Your Call

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
creator of a universe full of wonder
and many still-hidden mysteries.
Help us in our modern, sometimes confusing
and fast changing world
to pause and reflect on your glory and unending grace
and in the stillness to listen,
for your voice speaking to us alone.
Amen.

Mike Elliott

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Revelation 5:1-10

John 1:43-51

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: The Call - Richard Lloyd
(St Martin's Voices)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Conclusion

The Collect

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing:

May God, who has delivered us
from the dominion of darkness,
give us a place with the saints in light
in the kingdom of his beloved Son;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The light of God has come into our world.

Come and follow!

Go and tell! Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!