

**Morning Prayer**

**9th January - 1st Sunday of Epiphany**

**(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)**

*Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.*

**Preparation**

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

With you, O God, is the well of life,  
and in your light shall we see light.

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

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

*Silence may be 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. Amen.

**The Word of God**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now, this is what the LORD says -

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

<sup>1</sup>Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

I give Egypt for your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your stead.  
<sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up!"  
and to the south, "Do not hold them back."  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth -  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

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

#### New Testament reading: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

#### A Song of Praise (Epiphany)

1 You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.

- 2 For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
- 4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God,  
and they will reign with you on earth.

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10*

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour, glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Prayers

*Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:*

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

O good Jesus,  
Word of the Father and brightness of his glory,  
whom angels desire to behold:  
teach us to do your will  
that, guided by your Spirit,  
we may come to that blessed city of everlasting day,  
where all are one in heart and mind,  
where there is safety and eternal peace,  
happiness and delight,  
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
world without end.  
Amen.

*after Gregory the Great*

### Collect

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

Grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."  
*The Lord's Prayer is said*

### **The Conclusion**

May Christ our Lord,  
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,  
reveal to us his glory  
and pour upon us the riches of his grace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us and remain with us always.  
Amen.

Let us go in peace  
and proclaim the Word made flesh.  
Glory, thanks and praise to God. Amen.

*Our services today are  
9.00 am on-line service via Zoom;  
10.30 am Grewelthorpe (Holy Communion), Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion);  
11.00 am Winksley (Plough Service);  
4.00 pm Sawley (Family Service)*

***Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.***

*We believe the precautions we take to be adequate in keeping us safe.  
Face coverings are once again compulsory in church services.*