



Stratton Team Ministry

*Seeking, Sharing and Serving God
Together*

Epiphany Morning Worship- Sunday 3rd January 2021

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of Glory be with you

The Lord bless you.

Blessed are you, sovereign God,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As your living Word, eternal in heaven,
assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,
may the light of your love be born in us
to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
when Thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for Thy holy nativity:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for Thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming Thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth Thou didst come to earth,
and in great humility:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for Thee.*

The foxes found rest and the birds their nest
in the shade of the cedar tree;
but Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
in the desert of Galilee:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for Thee.*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word
that should set Thy people free;
but with treacherous scorn, and with crown of thorn,
they bore Thee to Calvary:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
there is room in my heart for Thee.*

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
at Thy coming to victory,
let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee."

*My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when Thou comest and callest for me!*

Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott (1836-1897) based on Luke 2: 7 adapted by Michael Forster (b 1946)
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Prayers of Penitence

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 God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

Heavenly Father
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour

Amen

Acts 19: 1-7

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?'

They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.'

³ So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?'

'John's baptism,' they replied.

⁴ Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks

and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King for ever.

¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Hymn

Angel voices, ever singing,
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day or night;
Thousands only live to bless Thee,
And confess Thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us? Yes, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices,
In our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Potts (1832-1909)

Mark 1: 4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn

O thou who camest from above

the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) based on Leviticus 6:13

The Creed

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Hymn

Will You Come And Follow Me

If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Go Where You Don't Know
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,
Will You Let My Name Be Known,
Will You Let My Life Be Grown
In You And You In Me?

Will You Leave Yourself Behind
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Care For Cruel And Kind
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare
Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?
Will You Let Me Answer Prayer
In You And You In Me?

Will You Let The Blinded See
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Set The Prisoners Free
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,
And Do Such As This Unseen,
And Admit To What I Mean
In You And You In Me?

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Quell The Fear Inside
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Use The Faith You've Found
To Reshape The World Around,
Through My Sight And Touch And Sound
In You And You In Me?

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True
When You But Call My Name.
Let Me Turn And Follow You
And Never Be The Same.
In Your Company I'll Go
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow
In You And You In Me.

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Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God the son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out His gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.