

Epiphany 1 – January 09, 2022

WELCOME

Psalm 97 (selected verses)

¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice.

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⁹ For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

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¹² Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

Of his deliverance I will boast,
till all that are distressed,
from my example comfort take
and lay their griefs to rest.

O magnify the LORD with me,
with him exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who in his promise trust.

O taste and see that he is good;
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they
who in the LORD confide.

Fear him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make serving him your sole delight,
your wants shall be his care.

CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In His light let us examine ourselves and
confess our sins.

Silence (for personal confession)

God our Father, you sent your Son full of
grace and truth:

Forgive our failure to receive Him.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty
and laid in a manger;

**Forgive our greed and rejection of your
ways.**

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded
joyfully to your call.

Forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. Amen

ABSOLUTION:

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself, that you may behold the
glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be
cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING: Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

43 But now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you
are mine.

² 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.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush^[a] and Seba in your stead.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.

⁶ 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—

⁷ 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.*

COLLECT (Special Prayer):

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

SONG:

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 – 22

Hear the gospel according to LUKE

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁵ The people were waiting
expectantly and were all wondering
in their hearts if John might possibly
be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered
them all, “I baptize you
with^[b] water. But one who is more
powerful than I will come, the straps
of whose sandals I am not worthy to
untie. He will baptize you with^[c] the
Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing
fork is in his hand to clear his
threshing floor and to gather the
wheat into his barn, but he will burn
up the chaff with unquenchable
fire.”

²¹ When all the people were being
baptized, Jesus was baptized too.
And as he was praying, heaven was
opened ²² and the Holy Spirit
descended on him in bodily form like
a dove. And a voice came from
heaven: “You are my Son, whom I
love; with you I am well pleased.”

*This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you O Lord.*

DISMISS CHILDREN

SERMON: A new beginning

SONG

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

CREED:

Let us declare our faith together:

We believe in God, the Father, the 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.**

INTERCESSION:

***Merciful Father accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen***

PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the bank: Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church Council*

Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering of our money and of ourselves to be used in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose willing submission to the way of righteousness is the pattern of our calling to be his people and live in his way.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ,
and as we follow his example and
obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your
kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your
Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high
priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy
gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Jesus taught us to call God Father, so
in faith and trust we pray:*

**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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; **have mercy on us**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; **have mercy on us**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; **grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. Amen

SONG

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKS:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS

FINAL SONG:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Blessing

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine
upon you, scatter the darkness from
before your path, and make you ready to
meet him when he comes in glory;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with
you and remain with you now and forever.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

NOTICES

1. Some hand-crafted greeting cards were donated to the church. They are available for sale at the back. Please support this opportunity to raise some needed funds for our church.
2. Please remember to **DRESS WARM** as the days get colder because our heating is not very efficient.
3. Please remember to take a **giving envelope** for the year if you use them.
4. Take the challenge if you dare: **Read through the Bible in a year.**
5. **PCC Meeting Thursday evening January 13th at 7:30pm.**
6. **PLEASE TAKE THIS SERVICE SHEET HOME WITH YOU.** *Use the prayers, readings and songs in your daily meditations this week.*
7. **Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every other Friday from 7:30**
8. **Tuesday evening Bible Study each week on zoom from 8 p.m.**
ALL ARE INVITED
9. Church of England daily prayer:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:



*Pauline, Doreen, Jean, Walter,
Monica, Auntie Janie, Diane,
Jayne, Veronica, Comfort, Dolly,
Ken, Keith, Marie and Andy,
Pauline's friend - Vesna's husband
– Mokund, Ella's daughter – Wendy, Mr Patel
and family,*

<https://stsaviourse7.org.uk/>

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COVID NOTICE

With the new government regulations and the new variant we are asked to:

- wear masks during our meetings;
- continue to wash and sanitizer our hands,
- ensure that we take the booster vaccine and
- do regular lateral flow tests.

If you could do a lateral flow test before you come to church in the mornings this would help to keep each other safe. If it is positive, please stay home and order a PCR test to verify the result. Also please inform Cornelius if you are positive so we can alert the community and pray for you. The NHS website link is below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

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