

**CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON**  
**ZOOM CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021 AT 10am**  
**EPIPHANY 2**  
**LED BY MICHAEL BURNS. MUSIC BY TOM THEAKSTON**

Welcome by The Reverend Michael Burns, Vicar

**Opening Hymn – 129**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
 Forgive our foolish ways;  
 Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
 In purer lives Thy service find,  
 In deeper reverence praise.  
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In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
 Beside the Syrian sea,  
 The gracious calling of the Lord,  
 Let us, like them, without a word,  
 Rise up and follow thee.  
 Rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee,  
 O calm of hills above,  
 Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
 The silence of eternity,  
 Interpreted by love!  
 Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
 Till all our strivings cease;  
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
 And let our ordered lives confess  
 The beauty of thy peace.  
 The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
 Thy coolness and thy balm;  
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still, small voice of calm.  
 O still, small voice of calm

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands,

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

**All: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Confession:**

We pause to remember what we have said and thought and done that has been wrong  
Gracious God, we confess our shortcomings and our sins. How slow we are to do good.

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

How easily we are deceived by the passing values of the world.

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

How weak is our hold on things which are eternal,

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

How glibly we blame and criticise others, and how slow we are to blame ourselves.

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

**Give us your pardon; give us liberty;**

**help us not to be slaves to insecurity, doubt and guilt;**

**help us to claim your promises as we confess our sins;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins. confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Epiphany 2:**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Epistle Reading** – Revelation 5/1-10 **read by Gerald Bate**

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and

its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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

**Gloria in Excelsis SUNG together**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**Gospel Reading – John 1/43-end read by Jenny Tomlinson**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'  
Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Homily**

**Profession of Faith:** Let us declare our faith in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one  
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Prayers of Intercession led by Chris Larkman**

At the end: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

So as Jesus taught us we say together:

**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**

After some silence as we pray for each other, we say together our parish prayer:

**Eternal Father, look with love on your people of Christ Church  
and pour upon us the gifts of your Spirit.**

**Although we are apart, draw us to you and to one another,  
so that by our growing love and unity we may bring healing and life to all.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Notices** including the chance for the children to share any of their pictures.

*At the end of the service, there is the option for you to join in a 'chat breakout room' with a smaller group of people. These groups are formed at random (we don't have control over who might be in which room!) and give you the chance to say hello to people you might know or meet people who you might not know – a bit like we do over coffee in church. At any point you can leave the chat breakout room and come back to the main group – or you can leave the service altogether and continue to enjoy the rest of your Sunday.*

**Final Hymn – 19**

All my hope on God is founded;

He doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth,

Only good and only true.

God unknown, He alone

Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
 Sword and crown betray his trust;  
 What with care and toil he buildeth,  
 Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
 But God's power, hour by hour,  
 Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
 Splendour, light, and life attend him,  
 Beauty springeth out of naught.  
 Evermore from his store  
 Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
 Sacrifice of praise be done,  
 High above all praises praising  
 For the gift of Christ his Son.  
 Christ doth call one and all:  
 Ye who follow shall not fall

**Let us pray:** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing:** God who called us to work with him, strengthen us by the power of his Spirit, that we may be worthy of his calling and the blessing.....

***Please do unmute yourselves at this point if you wish***

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***Chance to say hello and then goodbye to everyone as you either leave the Zoom service or join one of the random break-out rooms to chat to people – some of whom you may know and some of whom you may not know!***