

17th January 2021
Service of Holy
Communion



The Second Sunday
of Epiphany

The Greeting

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of
peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of
Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and
splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring you back to
himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you
of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

2.

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.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3. 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the
LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was
rare in those days; visions were not
widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to
grow dim so that he could not see, was lying
down in his room; the lamp of God had not
yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in
the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God
was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'
and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and
said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he
said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he
went and lay down. The LORD called again,
'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and
said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he
said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.'
Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and
the word of the LORD had not yet been
revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel
again, a third time. And he got up and went to
Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.'
Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling
the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie
down; and if he calls you, you shall say,
"Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."
So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1. 43-51

3.

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 towards 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us say together The Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I 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.**

4.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I 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 response is

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And, at the end,

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

5.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and say our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

6.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Cuthbert and Aidan and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so 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.

7.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The priest will receive the bread and the wine on behalf of us all.

Prayers after Communion

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.**

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.

The Blackburn Diocesan Vision Prayer for Vision 2026

Heavenly Father,
we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders.
Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Blessing

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace;

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

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

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