



St Andrew's Church Clevedon



Morning Worship Sunday 3rd January 2021

Epiphany Sunday

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRAYER OF APPROACH



Let us pray:

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.

HYMN

As with gladness men of old

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore:
so may we with willing feet,
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light
thou, its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing,
Alleluias to our King.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION



(L) 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.

(L) Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord have mercy

(ALL) Lord, have mercy.

(L) Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.

(ALL) Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.

(ALL) Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

(L) Almighty God,
Who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on us.
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

COLLECT

(L) Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to Worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2: v 1-12

Read by: John Rostron

THE SERMON

Pete Skett



INTERCESSIONS

Written by: Frances Kay and read by: Sue Collings

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

Lord for the years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

BLESSING

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

AMEN

THE DISMISSAL

(L) We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the Nations,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

(ALL) In the name of Christ. Amen.

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The service today may contain material from one or more of the following sources:

Mission Praise

The Source.

HYMN: As with Gladness, Men of Old" was written by William Chatterton Dix.
BBC Songs of Praise,

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We look forward to you joining us next week for

ONLINE FAMILY WORSHIP

with

Rev'd Trevor Cranshaw