

The Benefice of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkeley with Priors Dean

Sunday Worship by Zoom

17th January 2021 - Epiphany 2

Welcome

Hymn Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

Introduction to the theme of the service

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.



A candle is lit.

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God
is like a light in our darkness.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for this Church family and for bringing us together today.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for all those who have been part of our life and faith journey; for the love given and the sacrifices made.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink. Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness. Let us confess our sins and our failure to make God's will our priority.

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.

Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.**

Psalms 139:1-9

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 **You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 **If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Readings

Revelation 5:1-10

New Revised Standard Version

⁵ Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed^[a] with seven seals; ² and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴ And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ 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." ⁶ 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. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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^[b] every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving^[c] our God, and they will reign on earth."

John 1:43-51

New Revised Standard Version

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ 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." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you,^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Address

Paul Goddard



Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord,
our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
for the love that surrounds us and that which we can give.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his dying rising and for the gift of your Spirit.**

**May we know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

The Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Responses

In our darkness

we come to you for light.

With our challenges

we come to you for hope.

At times when we feel weak

make us strong.

In the week that lies ahead

Show us the way to live.

Final Prayer

This is what God requires of us

- only this - to do justice, to love kindness
and to walk humbly with our God.

The Blessing

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.