

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

17 January 2021

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*John 1.51*

*Edward Perronet 1726-1792) adapted by Michael Forster (b. 1946)*

**1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**2. Crown him, all martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod,  
and crown him ...**

**3. O prophets faithful to his Word,  
in matters great and small,  
Who made his voice of justice heard,  
now crown him ...**

**4. All sinners, now redeemed by grace,  
who heard your Saviour's call,  
now robed in light before his face,  
O crown him ...**

**5. Let every tribe and every race  
who heard the freedom call,  
in liberation, see Christ's face,  
and crown him ...**

**6. Let every people, every tongue  
to him their heart enthral:  
lift high the universal song  
and crown him ...**

*A prayer for purity of heart*

**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.**

*The Summary of the Law*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Invitation to Confession*

By the mercies of God,

let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to him,  
which is our spiritual worship.

*Romans 12.1*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 Glory*

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

*The Collect*

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**

**Revelation 5.1–10** (*read by Giles Walker*)

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 with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>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.'

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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; <sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

**Psalm 139.1–5,12–18** (led by Daniel Wamriew)

- 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.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were fashioned  
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.**
- 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.**

*The Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

*cf 1 Timothy 3.16*

**Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 1.43–51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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.' <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you

that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’<sup>54</sup> 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: Chaplain*

*The Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*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.

*2 Corinthians 5.17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

*Edwin Hatch (1835-1889) alt. This version © 1999 Kevin Mayhew, Ltd.*

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that as you love, so may I love,  
and do what you would do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure:  
until my will is one with yours  
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fulfill my heart's desire,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your heav'nly fire.**

**4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)*

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks  
because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light to the nations.  
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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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.

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.

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.

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*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.**

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.**

*We say or sing the Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The invitation*

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 he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Receiving of communion*

*Prayer after communion*

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

*Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby) (1820-1915)*

**1. To God be the glory! great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! let the earth hear his voice;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord! let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he hath done.*

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

*Blessing*

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
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.**