

born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

REFLECTION BY A WORSHIP LEADER

CHOIR ANTHEM — How brightly beams

THE APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN # 805 WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Verses 1-4 Solo

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

CONDITIONAL BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 583 O worship the Lord in the Beauty of holiness

THE DISMISSAL AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

NOTICES

Next **Sunday 12th January**, our Communion service will be celebrated by the Revd. Canon Dr. **Peter Hooper**, Archdeacon of France. The service will be followed by coffee and then our monthly luncheon during which the Archdeacon would like to meet as many of the congregation as possible. We hope as many of the congregation as possible will be present on that day and will stay to talk to the Archdeacon.

Readings for Sunday 12th January (EPHIPHANY 1):
Isaiah 43: 1-7; 1, Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17. 21, 22

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING



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MORNING PRAYER

NOTICES & ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 89 Brightest and best

INVOCATION BY A WORSHIP LEADER AND RESPONSES

CONFESSION, KYRIE, CONDITIONAL ABSOLUTION

COLLECT ON THE EVE OF EPIPHANY

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

(31: 7-14)

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock. For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

(1:3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

THE BENEDICTUS *(said together)*

Introduction to the Gospel

GOSPEL HYMN # 46 As with gladness men of old

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John
All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(1:1 –18)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were