*Epiphany 3, Year B, 24.01.21*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn Rejoice the Lord is king*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;

mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules over earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit,

and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*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, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

*The Collect*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Let us pray

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

*First Reading* **Genesis 14: 17-20**

After Abram’s return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’  
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Second Reading* Revelation 19: 6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure’ – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

## This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*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 *St John*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*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*

***Week of prayer for Christian unity***

*Pray for the unity of the Christian Churches, and for our shared ecumenical journey, that we may be one in Christ*

*God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we*

*all recognise that we are truly one with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and grow*

*together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen*

*Pray for the Bishop, priests and people of the Diocese of Apio Ringo (Papua New Guinea)*

*People in Zimbabwe pray daily for us. Let us also pray for them daily:*

*God Bless Zimbabwe, protect her children, transform her leaders,*

*heal her communities and grant her peace, for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen*

*Pray for the people suffering hardship and hunger in Zimbabwe, and for our Link Dioceses: Bishop Ignatios in Central*

*Zimbabwe, Bishop Erick in Manicaland, Bishop Cleophas in Matabeleland and Bishop Godfrey in Masvingo, their clergy and people.*

*In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer we pray today for: The Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee*

*Bridget Shepherd (V) (AsstAD); Timothy Ndegwa (AsstP); Henry Whyte (PTO); Richard Evans (Reader); Cherry Murdoch (Reader); Nick Shepherd (Reader); David Britton (Reader) (PTO); Laurie Stuart (SPA)*

*Trinity CofE School (Mixed): Samantha Alder (Chaplain)*

*In the Anglican Community Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Bishops, priests and people of the Anglican Church of Bangladesh.*

*In the Christ Church Cycle of Prayer we pray for those living in Barlow Drive*

*We also pray for all whose year’s mind falls at this time, especially: Sidney Turner; Elizabeth McKee*

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God.

May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell.

Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you.

May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body,

so that when one suffers, all suffer together.

We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

**in your mercy hear us.**

Jesus, Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.

We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy

where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*Hymn Let all mortal flesh*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;

ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand

Christ our God on earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.

He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,

as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,

that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,

veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high.

*Preparation of the Altar*

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,

the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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.**

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 sing 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: 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.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;

may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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*

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*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 peace.**

*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.**

*Quiet Music: Yesuve Saranam/Jesus, I Surrender (India)*

*Prayer after Communion*

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Then we pray together:*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,**

**gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

May God the Father,

who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from light,

lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,

transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,

who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan,

pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn When the music fades

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless your heart  
  
Bridge:  
*I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear,*

*you're looking into my heart*  
Chorus:  
*I'm coming back to the heart of worship. And it's all about you, all about you, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, all about you, Jesus*

King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is yours, ev'ry single breath

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