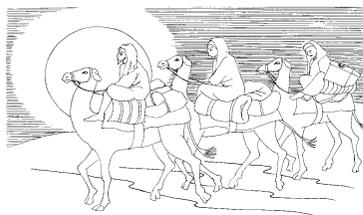


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

'God makes known his glory in lives renewed by Christ'



The 'Epiphany season' began on 6 January with the celebration of the Wise Men's visit to Bethlehem where Christ was revealed to them as the King of all nations. During the following four weeks of the season the Sunday readings remind us of the different ways Christ's glory was revealed to other people of his time.

The Gathering

THE GREETING

The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.

(A HYMN may be sung)

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make his face to shine upon us:

that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations:

let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

(Ps. 67:1-3)

PRAYER

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.

(SONGS may be sung)

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PENITENCE

During the season of Epiphany, let us seek the renewal of our lives in the light of God's love for us, revealed by Jesus Christ:

Jesus, Saviour of all, who revealed the breadth of God's love, forgive us when we fail to show care to those who are different.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, Son of God, who revealed the depth of God's love, forgive us when we are too busy to pray, or to seek God's will.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, Son of Man, who revealed the cost of God's love, forgive us when we have made light of our sins.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(The GLORIA, the VENITE, a SONG or RESPONSES may be used)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... *(silent prayer)*

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 forever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

(after the reading)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM/HYMN or SCRIPTURAL SONG

THE GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the reading)
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
(The Apostles' Creed)

(A HYMN may be sung)

The Prayers

INTERCESSIONS

(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)

God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that through your Son, Jesus Christ, new life and light, forgiveness and grace, have pierced the darkness of the world.

We pray for his Church, especially each other here, and those who minister among us ...

Send the Holy Spirit to unite us in worship, nourish us with truth, and strengthen us as witnesses of Christ in our daily lives.
God be gracious to us **and bless us.**

We pray for all who take authority: our Queen and government and the leaders of other nations ... Enlighten the minds of those who lead, that their decisions may bring justice for the oppressed, peace for those at war, and the well-being of all.
God be gracious to us **and bless us.**

We pray for all who live and work in this neighbourhood, and all who serve its needs ... Give us such love for you that we

may offer our time and talents in the service of others and in building community life.
God be gracious to us **and bless us.**

We pray for those who are facing ill-health or old age, disability or personal tragedy ... Grant them encouragement, and give grace to all who bring care and healing.
God be gracious to us **and bless us.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died ... Grant us with them, (with N.) and with all the saints, a share in your eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A HYMN may be sung)

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed
down in worship, reveal your glory to us,
and strengthen us to serve you in all the
world. Amen.

(THE BLESSING or THE GRACE is said)