



**Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill**  
***Prayer and Praise in Epiphany***

***16<sup>th</sup> January 2022***

## **Entrance Hymn: Christ is the World's True Light (TIS 238)**

**1. Christ is the world's true light,  
its captain of salvation,  
the day-star clear and bright  
of every man and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
for all who own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.**

**2. In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as lord,  
all shall forsake their fear,  
to ploughshare beat the sword,  
to pruning-hook the spear.**

**3. One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own you;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone you;  
the world has waited long,  
has travailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

This church is built on the land of the Wallumata People.

We acknowledge their connection and custodianship of this land over many generations, and we pay our respect to elder's past, present and emerging.

With them we long to be a reconciled people in this land:

**Lead us on then, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;  
enable us to walk together in trust  
from the hurt and shame of the past  
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**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.**

## Confession & Forgiveness

God of stargazers and seekers,  
you led the Magi to the child of Bethlehem:  
Now lead us to the light of Jesus,  
born in a humble village, worshipped as a king.  
Bring us together in love for you and for one another.  
Give us words to praise you and voices to sing of your glory.  
As we pause now to repent, we ask you grant us an epiphany,  
the knowledge to know when we have failed on the journey,  
and the wisdom to follow you.

*Silence for reflection*

We pray and confess together:

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest declares God's forgiveness.*

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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 Greeting of Peace**

Where God's just ruler reigns, goodness flourishes and peace abounds.

Let us honour Jesus' reign by greeting one another with a sign of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

For the Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ (TIS 526)**

**1. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us  
you are one with us,  
Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all  
their sin,  
pouring your love and  
goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of  
you:  
into our lives your power  
breaks through,  
living Lord.**

**3. Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us  
born as one with us,  
Mary's Son;  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
you are Lord.**

**4. Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are  
true,  
your many gifts will make me  
new,  
into my life your power breaks  
through,  
living Lord.**

*When the Gospel reading is announced:*  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

*After the Sermon there may be a time of quiet reflection.*

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in God  
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Offertory Hymn: The People That in Darkness Walked (TIS 274)**

*A thanksgiving offertory collection is received for the work of the Church.*

**1 The people that in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light;  
the light has shined on them who dwelt  
in death's surrounding night.**

**2 To hail you, Sun of righteousness,  
the gathering nations come:  
rejoicing as when reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.**

**3 To us a child of hope is born,  
to us a Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
and all the hosts of heaven.**

**4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
for evermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the great and mighty Lord.**

**5 His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know:  
justice shall guard his throne above  
and peace abound below.**

All things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.  
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,  
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lord, show us your mercy,  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness.  
**and make your chosen people joyful.**

Lord, save your people.  
**and bless your inheritance.**  
Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**for you are our help and strength.**  
Create in us clean our hearts, O God.  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

Bountiful God,  
Whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:  
help us to believe and obey,  
so that, as our Saviour promised,  
we may be filled with the wine of new life  
and show forth his joy and love;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, the author and lover of peace, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies, that, surely trusting in your defence, we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Notices & Milestones**

### **Recessional Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King (TIS 261)**

**1 Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
your Lord and King adore;  
let all give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore;**

***Refrain:***

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.***

***Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

**2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above: [Refrain]**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given: [Refrain]**

**4 He sits at God's right hand,  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet: [Refrain]**

**5 Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!**

## **The Blessing**

*The Priest pronounces God's Blessing.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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