



*David Morgan reading today's gospel from
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Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill ***Prayer and Praise in Epiphany***

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Entrance Hymn: God Has Spoken by His Prophets (TIS 158)

**1 God has spoken by the prophets,
spoken his unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, his throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.**

**2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, before time was;
Light from Light, to earth descending,
he reveals our God to us.**

**3 God is speaking by his Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the ageless Word declaring
his own message, now as then.
Thro' the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

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.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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: Praise the Lord, you heavens adore Him (TIS 93)

**1 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him;
praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.**

**2 Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God has made his saints victorious:
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
praise and glorify his name.**

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: Christ, whose glory fills the skies (TIS 212)

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

**1 Christ, whose glory fills the
skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph over shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be
near;
day-star, in my heart appear.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and
grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more yourself
display,
shining to the perfect day.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the
morn
if you seem not close to me;
joyless is the day's return,
till your mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my
heart.**

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.

Life-giving God,
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom
and to teach with authority:
anoint us with your Spirit,
that we may bring good news to the poor,
bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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: A Man There Lived in Galilee (TIS 235)

**1 A man there lived in Galilee
like no one else before,
for he alone from first to last
our flesh unsullied wore;
a perfect life of perfect deeds
once to the world was shown,
that everyone might mark his steps
and in them place their own.**

**2 A man there died on Calvary
above all others brave;
he gave to all, he saved and blessed,
himself he scorned to save;
no thought can gauge the weight of woe
on him, the sinless, laid;
we only know that with his death
our ransom price was paid.**

**3 A man there stands at God's right hand,
divine, yet human still;
that grand, heroic, peerless soul
death sought in vain to kill.
All power is his: supreme he rules
all realms of time and space;
yet still our human cares and needs
find in his heart a place.**

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.

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