

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 16th January, 2022
Epiphany 2

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Charles Isles, Dorothea Wilson, Elizabeth Sclater, Amy Drummond, Harry Murdie, Helen Candlish, Nancy Donaldson, Kay Elliot-Binns.

We also give special prayers for: Tony & Gill and family, Jan, Charlie, Glynis, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, and Jenny, Colin & family.

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Sue Whitehouse

The Collect for Epiphany 2 is:

Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of heaven and earth:
mercifully hear the prayers of your people,
and grant your peace to our times;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 62: 1-5 (Read by Christine Sharp)

The Lord says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36: 5-10

5. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
6. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both human and beast, O Lord.
7. How priceless is your love, O God!
 your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
8. They feast upon the abundance of your house;
 you give them drink from the river of your delights.
9. For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
10. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
 and your favour to those who are true of heart.

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Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading is 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is John 2: 1-11**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.

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Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns

NEH 394 Let all the world in every corner sing
NEH 280 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
NEH 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Anthem is O Sing Joyfully: Adrian Batten. The text is from Psalm 81: vv. 1-4