

**Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
Holy Cross, Sarratt and
St Paul's, Chipperfield**

EPIPHANYTIDE

**MORNING SERVICE
23rd January 2022**

A prayer of preparation -

The God who breathed this world alive
And sustains it day by day
Whose hands flung stars into space
And controls our destiny
Says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths
And set tides on their way
Who caused mountains to be raised up
And rainbows to display
Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth
And seed within to sow
Whose artistry creates butterflies
And the early morning dew
Says, "You are precious in my sight."

Based on Isaiah 43:1-7

Faith and Worship: Prayer by John Birch, 2016

Organ voluntary

Please stand

Welcome

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

Hymn 362 – O for a thousand tongues to sing

Opening Prayer

All: **Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden
to ask for his forgiveness and peace

We pause in silence, sit or kneel

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all the people
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Word

Reading

At the end the reader may say:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 434 – Restore O Lord

Gospel Reading

Gospel acclamation, we stand.

Alleluia, alleluia.
'Go into all the world,'
says the Lord,
'and proclaim the good news to all creation.'

All: **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

Talk

We stand for the Profession of Faith

Profession of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray

The Prayers

Collect

Let us pray

All: **Spirit of energy and change,
in whose power Jesus was anointed
to be the hope to the nations:
be poured out also upon us
without reserve or distinction,
that we may have confidence and strength
to plan your justice on the earth,
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Taken from All Desires Known : Janet Morley

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: **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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Christ came to proclaim the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Notices and Banns

Sending Out

Hymn 560 – Will you come and follow me

Dismissal Gospel

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.19,20

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Closing Prayer

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Dismissal

All: Jesus, lord of tomorrow,
draw us into your future.
Amen.

The Lord says, 'Go into all the world
and make disciples of all the nations.'
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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