

# The Order of Service for Home Worship

## THE SECOND SUNDAY of EPIPHANY



Hymn: Take my life, and let it be

- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart; it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, mighty God and Prince of Peace. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;**

**Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;**

**Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

**Collect:** 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**62. 1-5**

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**

**Response: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.**

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to  
the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. (R)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in  
the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights. (R)

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.  
O continue your steadfast love  
to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart! (R)

## **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 12. 1-11**

Now 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 Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John 2. 1-11 Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Meditation**

*The expression, "Trust in God." Is one we are all probably familiar with. They are also words that are easy to say but not so easy to do, in reality, it can be quite challenging. Mary's trust and confidence in her son is shown when she advises the servants at the wedding in Cana to, "do whatever he tells you." Jesus had seemed reluctant to solve the wine shortage. "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." Mary's trust in the Lord was complete. She believed that something would be done and the key to her confidence was that she knew him well. She could trust in Jesus because she did not just know him, she knew him intimately as a mother knows a son – she had shared with him, was comfortable with him and was close to him. Jesus, throughout his ministry, encouraged people to trust in God. His disciples grew close to him, they watched as he cured the sick, forgave the sinner and welcomed both the outcast and the stranger. Each encounter and experience*

*that they had the privilege to witness, deepened their faith. If we wish to do what God asks of us, we must learn to trust in him. In order to trust anyone, it is important to know them well. We see as we read and learn from the Bible that the disciples trust in God grew as their friendship with Jesus deepened. As we trust in him, we are called to act on what we believe and to discern what is God's will. When we follow the Lord's will, we are taking great steps into the unknown. We need to be aware and remember that it is not always the path that the world would hope we would follow and as we go it is important to remember that we may make mistakes, but we can always start again. Through doing God's will we reveal his glory, and our lives will be a living proclamation of the Gospel. To have complete trust in the Lord, we need to know him well. We can do this through reading our Bible on a regular basis, spending quiet moments listening to and for the voice of God as he speaks to us in the world around us, alerting us to what he is saying in the varied moments of our day, sharing in the lives of our fellow Christians; all these things help us to deepen our relationship with God. It is good to seek out a quiet moment when we can be alone with God, listening to what he asks of us. And as our knowledge of and closeness to God deepens, so will our trust in the Lord grow. Amen.*

#### **Intercessions:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; that the Church may faithfully work with Christ to proclaim the saving love of God to the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; may there be peace where there is conflict and hope where there is despair.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may Christ make his home in our hearts that through us the light of his love may shine in our community.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession books; may they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and consoled with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they share the eternal glory of heaven in the company of all the saints.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Peace:**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace; of the increase of his government and of his peace there shall be no end. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Refreshed by your holy Word, Lord God, we seek your mercy: that by listening faithfully to your only Son, and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit, we may be your children in name and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. **Amen**

**Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim.**

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for men in all the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
He broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth**