

All Age Epiphany Worship

10.45am Sunday 2nd January 2022

Theme: Epiphany (New Beginnings)



Welcome to St. Matthew's. Today's service is an All Age service. This means that the children will be in church for the whole time.

Welcome & Notices

Opening words

Why are we here?

We are here to worship God.

Why are we here?

We are here to hear from God.

Why are we here?

We are here to pray to God.

Song

The first Nowell the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.



*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

They lookèd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

Introduction to theme

Saying sorry

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

For the times when we forget about you and your love for us,
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

For the times when we mess up and do the same wrong things,
Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

For the times when we doubt your faithfulness to us
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

Song

Shine from the inside out
That the world will see
You live in me (*repeat*)



You know me and You love me
You fill me So send me (to)

Bridge

Know me, love me, fill me, send me
Know me, love me, fill me, send me
Know me, love me, fill me, send me (to)

Bible Reading (Video)

- Matthew 2:1-12



This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Talk



Response

Song

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship him God most high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God, and sacrifice!
Heaven sings 'Alleluia',
'Alleluia' the earth replies:



Prayer Activity



Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship Jesus, the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Verse for the year

From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

(Ephesians 4:16 NIV)



Song

You were the Word at the beginning

One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

*Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast,
of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring,
the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival,
You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom,
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name,
above all names*

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus



Collection prayer

Closing words

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.
May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and transform your lives,
to bring his light to others.



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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