

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



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



Bible Reading (Video)

- Matthew 2:1-12

[At the end]

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



Talk



Response

Song

- We three kings



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



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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