

**Service of Morning Prayer.** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
2021 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**The Gathering of God's People**

***Welcome! All Saint is an English speaking  
international Anglican Church,***

*A church which is, at all times and in all seasons,  
committed to being a church of  
Up (worship & prayer),  
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),  
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).*

We have set aside time this day to worship God. We  
are here to worship God.

*In the brief silence we settle into prayer,  
we re-centre our scattered senses upon the  
presence of the Living God.*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**All and also with you.**



God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**

**Opening Song: You are Holy**

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to Almighty God  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins  
and to receive God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs  
and the needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit  
we may serve him and know  
the greatness of his love.

**Prayers of Penitence**

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves  
and confess our sins...

**Silence**

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour  
was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks  
to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star  
to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All** for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All** and in our song will we praise our God.

### Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

The night has passed,  
and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence,  
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

*The Word of God. Psalm 128. A wisdom psalm that describes a person's blessedness. It is also one of the Songs of Ascent.*

1 Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
who walk in obedience to him.

2 You will eat the fruit of your labour;  
blessings and prosperity will be yours.

3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
round your table.

4 Yes, this will be the blessing  
for the man who fears the Lord.

5 May the Lord bless you from Zion;  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children –  
peace be on Israel.

**All** **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

**NT : Revelation 19:1-10**

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Song: Worthy is the Lamb (Thank you for the cross)**

**Gospel: John 2:1-11**

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**All Thanks be to God.**

**A Song of Praise (Epiphany)**

*This Canticle is also known as Glory and Honour from Rev 4 & 5 We say together.*

**1 You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.**

**2 For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.**

**3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.**

**4 You have made them to be a kingdom  
and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign with you on earth.**

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10*

**To the One who sits on the throne  
and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour, glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Sermon**

**Post Sermon Song: From the Inside Out**

**The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ  
the Son of God,  
the One sent by the Father  
to be the Saviour of the World.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*

**The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.



Merciful Father,  
**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints**

Faithful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
May we so live the life of Christ  
that your Church may be a sign of salvation  
to all the nations of the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen**

## **Collects**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free to praise you  
in Christ our Lord.  
In your Son's name. Amen.

Father, help me  
live this coming week to the full,  
being true to You, in every way.  
Jesus, help me give myself away to others,  
being kind to everyone I meet.  
Spirit, help me to love the lost,  
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has  
taught us.

**All** 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.

## **Going out as God's People**

### **Announcements**

**Prayer walking.** 24-7 Prayer GB shared story, of an elderly couple. Who could not go out during lockdown. So they used their PC and google street maps and they prayer walked their area – such a great idea. It means, there may be countries or cities on your heart – google street maps can show you the key sites and you can see what pray for... An idea!

**Practically.** We have two email bulletins. One is about church life – comes out on Saturdays. Second is our prayer email – with items for prayer connected to the life of All Saints and the Netherlands and our weekly global focus as we follow Operation World weekly. Let Simon van Oordt know if you'd like to sign up. Or you don't know how to contact him, contact the wardens or myself.

**Alpha.** Begin first week of March. Last for two months. Weekly. March and April.

**Prayers.** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Morning. Council meets for Virtual Away Morning, to look at ways we can go deeper and move forward as a church of up, in, out. We ask your prayers for that morning.

### **Final Hymn: In Christ Alone**

## Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

*We finish with praying the grace together...*

**All    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all this day and evermore.  
Amen.**

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