

**Welcome to Christ Church**  
**Sunday 14 January 2024 - The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

***We gather to worship***

Lord God, we are here today to offer to you our worship. We are here to listen to your Word, to bring to you the concerns of our hearts, and to join together in fellowship. Speak to us; through Scripture, hymns, prayer and silence. Grant us ears to hear, hearts to listen, and lives prepared to do your will. Amen.

***Hymn*** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

***Our young people and leaders leave for their own time of learning and worship.***

***We say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness***

During this season of Epiphany, let us seek the renewal of our lives in the light of God's love for us, revealed by Jesus Christ:

Jesus, Saviour of all, who revealed the breadth of God's love, forgive us when we fail to show care to those who are different. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, Son of God, who revealed the depth of God's love, forgive us when we are too busy to pray, or to seek God's will. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, Son of man, who revealed the cost of God's love, forgive us when we have made light of our sins. Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

*A moment of silence for personal reflection.*

May Almighty God, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Psalm 139 which we say together:***

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

***Remaining seated we sing:*** Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice.

### ***Old Testament Reading***

The Lord calls Samuel

1 Samuel 3.1-10 *Ending with*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn*** Speak, O Lord, as we come to You.

### ***New Testament Reading***

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

John 1:43-51 *Ending with*

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### ***Sermon***

***Song of Response*** I give You my heart - This is my desire to honour You.

### ***Our Belief***

We believe the grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

**We trust in God the Father, who has revealed his love and kindness to us, and in his mercy saved us, not for any good deed of our own, but because he is merciful.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us to free us from our sin, and set us apart for himself – a people eager to do good.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, whom God poured out on us generously through Christ our saviour, so that justified by grace we might become heirs with the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

*(from Titus 2 and 3)*

### ***Intercessions concluding with 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.

### ***Notices***

#### ***Praise***

Father, You have revealed us glimpses of your eternal glory in your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is Lord of time and of eternity; he is the living Word who became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

**We praise you for your greatness.**

You have commanded the light to shine out of darkness. You have lit up our minds and our emotions, and we are receiving knowledge of you and your gracious dealing.

**We praise you for your greatness.**

***Hymn*** Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

#### ***We go out in readiness for a new week***

**God, you call us to work with you, strengthen us by the power of your Spirit, that we may be worthy of your calling....**

And the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**