



Epiphany 3 FAMILY WORSHIP 16 January 2019

WELCOME HYMN 621

In the name of God Father Son
and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship... (All:) **Lord God, we have done wrong in your sight; we are sorry, and ask for your forgiveness. Wash away our wrongdoings, and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah chapter 62 verses 1 to 5

The Lord say this: 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

SECOND READING

*A reading from the St John's Gospel
chapter 2 verses 1 to 11*

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. *For the Gospel of the Lord, thanks be to God*

HYMN

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

CHILDREN'S TALK

If any children are present

PRAYERS WITH CHILDREN

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We stand to 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 his power. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE

God has called us to live in peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you. All: And also with you.

HYMN

God's love is like a circle,
A circle big and round,
And if you see a circle,
No ending can be found,
And so the love of Jesus
Goes on eternally,
For ever and for ever,
I know that God loves me.
God's truth is like a river,
A river deep and long,
And when you meet the truth of God
Its power is great and strong.
And so the truth of Jesus
Flows on eternally –
Forever and forever,
God's truth helps me to see.
God's power is like a mountain,
A mountain soaring high,
And when you see a mountain
It seems to touch the sky.
And so the power of Jesus
Holds us eternally –
Forever and forever,
God's power strengthens me.

(The children leave for "Sunday Club")

INTERCESSIONS

SERMON

HYMN 609

During which a collection is taken

NOTICES & BLESSING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude- E J Hopkins (1818-1901)