

Sunday 15 January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

**Processional Hymn**

1. God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the day is drawing near.  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

2. From the east to the utmost west  
wherever foot has trod,  
through the mouths of his messengers  
echoes forth the voice of God;  
'Listen to me, ye continents,  
ye islands, give ear to me,  
that the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea'.

3. How can we do the work of God,  
how prosper and increase  
harmony in the human race  
and the reign of perfect peace?  
What can we do to urge the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?

4. March we forth in the strength of God,  
his banner is unfurled;  
let the light of the gospel shine  
in the darkness of the world:  
strengthen the weary, heal the sick  
and set ev'ry captive free,  
that the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

5. All our efforts are nothing worth  
unless God bless the deed;  
vain our hopes for the harvest tide  
till he brings to life the seed.  
Yet ever nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

## **Collect**

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.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 49. 1 – 7 (OT p. 689)*

## **Psalm 40**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God  
**Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God**

I waited patiently for the Lord; •  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay; •  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.  
**Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God**

He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; •  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, •  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.  
**Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us! •  
There is none that can be compared with you.  
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them •  
they would be more than I am able to express  
**Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God**

**New Testament Reading** *1 Corinthians 1. 1 – 9 (NT p. 162)*

## Gradual Hymn

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

Words: John Whittier

Tune: REPTON

**Gospel Reading** *John 1. 29 – 42 (NT p. 88)*

## Offertory Hymn

1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,  
vision whence true peace doth spring,  
brighter than the heart can fancy,  
mansion of the highest King;  
O how glorious are the praises  
which of thee the prophets sing!

2. There for ever and for ever  
alleluia is outpoured;  
for unending, for unbroken  
is the feast-day of the Lord;  
all is pure and all is holy  
that within thy walls is stored.

3. There no cloud nor passing vapour  
dims the brightness of the air;  
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
from the Sun of suns is there;  
there no night brings rest from labour,  
for unknown are toil and care.

4. O how glorious and resplendent,  
fragile body, shalt thou be,  
when endued with so much beauty,  
full of health and strong, and free,  
full of vigour, full of pleasure  
that shall last eternally.

5. Now with gladness, now with courage,  
bear the burden on thee laid,  
that hereafter these thy labours  
may with endless gifts be paid;  
and in everlasting glory  
thou with brightness be arrayed.

6. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

*Words: Thomas à Kempis, tr. John Mason Neale. Tune: REGENT SQUARE*

*During Communion Ian Seddon plays Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern by Richter (How brightly shines the Morning Star), and the choir sings Let the bright seraphim by Handel.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn.**

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Words: Edward Burns*

*Tune: FULDA*

### **Organ Voluntary**

Pæan

*Whitlock*