

St Mary's Wistaston Sunday 08 January 2023

Service order for All Age Worship for Epiphany

Welcome!

The Greeting

The Lord be with you:
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!

Our first hymn is: Light of the World

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We receive God's Forgiveness

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.**

The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son
to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold
your glory face to face;
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.**

1st Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12

Hymn: 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God.

May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell.

Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us

to be a light to the world,

so that those in darkness come to you.

May our lives shine as a witness

to the saving grace

you have given for all.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us
to be members of your body,
so that when one suffers,
all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort
and healing power
to bring hope to those in distress.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
you have called us
into fellowship with all your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with joy
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.**

Hymn: In Christ alone

Notices:

Celebrations

The Blessing

May Christ draw you to humility and worship,
and bring you to see God at work;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: Be Thou my vision

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**