

# Service of Morning Communion Epiphany 1 - 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Welcome

## Hymn

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

**ALL** and also with you.

## Prayer of Preparation

**ALL** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers of Penitence

Remember, Lord, Your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.  
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions, but think on us in your goodness O Lord, according to your steadfast love.  
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

O keep our souls and deliver us; let us not be put to shame, for we have put our trust in you. Amen.

## Absolution

## The Collect

## The LITURGY of the WORD

## Reading

**Acts 19:1-7 (New International Version)**

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"



They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” John’s baptism,” they replied.

Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

## HYMN

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Mark 1:4-11 (New International Version)**

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

## **SERMON**

The sermon can be found after the service on our website [www.stjamesroundsgreen.com](http://www.stjamesroundsgreen.com) or on our Facebook page.

### **The Creed**

**We believe in God, the almighty Father, who is the creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, given birth by the Virgin Mary and**



suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated at the Father's right hand. He will return to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and in everlasting life. Amen.

### The Peace

### Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions for Epiphany 1 (2021)

At his baptism your voice, O Lord, announced your beloved Son. May all who are baptised into the name of Jesus proclaim him in word and deed to others, whether friend or stranger.

During this time of pandemic, when the physical presence of your people worshipping together has shrunk dramatically across many churches, we ask that you use this period as a time of preparation; so that, when restrictions are no longer necessary, people will find that they have a deep need for the things of God and flock to churches of every denomination.

Even in these dire times may your Church be filled with boldness and lift the name of Jesus high, both during services as well as works done within the community.

At the beginning of creation your Word, O Lord, brought everything into being. Give to people everywhere a reverence for all you have created.

We especially pray for every government – that as they review old policies and make new ones, they will be mindful to the fact that they are stewards of the planet as well as the people. Inspire them to be models of good practice in both these areas, which will, in turn, inspire all of us to take seriously our responsibility to love and care for the people we live among, and the surroundings we live in.

Heavenly father we ask you to look with compassion and mercy upon our community as we walk through yet another Lockdown.

The statement that schools are closed gives the public a false impression, for the workload upon teachers has more than doubled as they continue to



educate the children in their care by other means. Give them energy and fresh imagination as to how to deliver good quality teaching to their children.

Again, many young families will be stuck within the confines of small flats, with all the pressures and strains that that produces. Minister peace and calmness to all their spirits and inject a desire for unity between them.

Again, many will be on their own, struggling to get through the loneliness of each day. Meet with them, Lord, in their isolation and call them into your kingdom of love and salvation.

Lord, there is such a variety of suffering all around us. We pray that you will shine your radiant beams of healing upon all who are undergoing pain at this time. While we silently name those we know to you, we ask you to touch those we don't know as well.....May the resurrection power of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, bring healing and wholeness to any who are sick.

## HYMN

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER H

The Lord is here.

**ALL** His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

**ALL** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL** It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**ALL** You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.



In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**ALL** He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**ALL** Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said; Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**ALL** Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**ALL** As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song in heaven:

**ALL** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Let us now continue in prayer using the words our Saviour taught us:

**ALL:** 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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL** Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**Invitation to Communion**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you, and his blood, which he shed for you. Eat and



drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL** Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

So, cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

### THE PRIEST AND THE PEOPLE RECEIVE COMMUNION.

#### Prayer after Communion

**ALL** Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

#### Hymn

#### Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**ALL:** In the name of Christ. Amen.

