

Blofield Benefice

A Service for the Season of Epiphany



The Sign of Water Changed to Wine

Preparation

I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving.
This will please the Lord more than an ox,
more than a bull with its horns and hooves.
The poor will see and be glad –
you who seek God, may your hearts live!
The Lord hears the needy
and does not despise his captive people.

Psalms 69.30 -33

Praise the Lord!

All **The Lord's name be praised.**

Opening prayer

Lord God, you sent the Lord Jesus Christ to be
the light of our world.
As he shines in our hearts may he banish all that
obscures your goodness and darkens our lives.
Illuminate our worship, with the light of your presence
and reveal your glory, in our hearts as we worship.

All **Amen**

Praise Song

I Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,
your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me,
when I am surrounded, your love carries me.
*Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, your love makes me sing.*

2 Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
all the joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see you, all your goodness shines through,
I can feel this God-song, rising up in me.
*Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, your love makes me sing.*

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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.

Romans 12.1

A moment for silent reflection.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

[place your hands in front of you, as if receiving a gift]

God we receive your forgiveness,
the restoration of our tired souls,
the renewal of our fickle hearts,
the washing of our dirty hands.

That we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

The Reading The Gospel of John 2.1-11

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise

where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After the reading this response is used

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn

- 1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.
- 2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.
- 3 Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples-
come, our first and greatest sign!

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!

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The Sermon

Our Affirmation of faith

Let us 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 power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Intercessions

These will be led live in the service. If you are unable to join us online, please use this time to bring your own prayers and requests to God.

Remember, the church and the local community. Those suffering from the virus and the work of the NHS.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

A hymn is sung.

- 1 Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
sinful woman, man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.
- 3 Lord, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
maker's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

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Concluding prayer

May Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered
gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you this day, in your lives and in your homes.
Amen