

Sunday worship for Epiphany Season 2021

St Peters, Penhill and St Philips' Upper Stratton

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you,
and also with you.

**EVER-LOVING 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

Christ, the light of the world,
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
His light reveals both the poverty of our humanity
and our potential for revealing the glory of God.

Pause for reflection

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of forgiveness
heal you of all that harms you
and lead you into life eternal. **Amen.**

Gloria (Sung)

Readings

Sermon *Followed by a time for quiet reflection.*

Prayers of the People

Light of the world.
Shine in our hearts.

At the end

Christ, Light of the world.
**May your healing peace
inspire hope in our troubled world;
be born in us, we pray. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God among us, we pray as Jesus taught
us:

**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.

Blessing

Final Hymn

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