

Sunday 23rd. January, 2022 11.00 am

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 10 The stars declare his glory; (Psalm 19)

- 1 The stars declare his glory;
the vault of heaven springs
mute witness of the Master's hand
in all created things,
and through the silences of space
their soundless music sings.
- 2 The dawn returns in splendour,
the heavens burn and blaze,
the rising sun renews the race
that measures all our days,
and writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise.
- 3 So shine the Lord's commandments
to make the simple wise;
more sweet than honey to the taste,
more rich than any prize,
a law of love within our hearts,
a light before our eyes.
- 4 So order too this life of mine,
direct it all my days;
the meditations of my heart
be innocence and praise,
my Rock, and my redeeming Lord,
in all my words and ways.

Scripture Sentence

Opening Prayer

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.**

Children's Address

Hymn 271 Loving God, you see us here,

- 1 Loving God, you see us here,
know our names and who we are.
Though we never have seen you,
we believe you are here.
- 2 Loving God, you hear our prayer
for all those in need today.
Show us how we can help you,
help us do what we can.

3 Loving God, you stay with us,
wide awake and when we sleep.
Thank you for every moment,
thank you for your great care.

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Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

St. Luke 4:14-21

Anthem

Sermon

Musical Interlude

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 605 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

1 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation,
his the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.

2 Thanks to God whose Word incarnate
glorified the flesh of man.
Deeds and words and death and rising
tell the grace in heaven's plan.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.

3 Thanks to God whose Word was written
in the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation
showing God to every age.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.

4 Thanks to God whose Word is published
in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished
by the change of time or place.
God has spoken: God has spoken:
Praise him for his open Word.

5 Thanks to God whose Word is answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking: God is speaking:
Praise him for his open Word.

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