



PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LUKE
HOLMES CHAPEL

Praying Together in Epiphany

O Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
Your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Collect for Epiphany Sunday

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. Amen**

From Psalm 34

**O magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.

**O magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt his name together.**

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;
He heard me and saved me from my troubles.

**O magnify the Lord with me;
Let us exalt his name together.**

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

*Bible readings can be found on the church website or Facebook page.
Read them out aloud then finish with this response:*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Canticles

From Isaiah 60:1ff

Arise, shine, for your light has come;
The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Though night still covers the earth:
And darkness the peoples,

Above you the Lord now rises,
And above you his glory appears.

The nations will come to your light:
And kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will always stand open:
Shut neither by day nor by night.

They will call you 'the City of the Lord',
'Zion of the Holy One of Israel'.

The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land:
Or ruin and destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls 'Salvation':
And your gates, 'Praise'.

No more will the sun give you daylight:
Nor the moonlight shine upon you;

But the Lord will be your everlasting light:
Your God will be your splendour.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness
Kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou would'st reckon as thine
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

From Revelation 4:5-11

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
To receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things,
And by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
And by your blood you ransomed for God
Saints from every tribe and language and nation

You have made them to be a kingdom,
And priests serving our God,
And they will reign with you on earth.

From Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
Who has come to his people and set them free

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
Born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us.

To show mercy to our ancestors,
And to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

To give his people knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger;
order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and
distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick,
and thank you from our hearts for the wisdom of those who searched for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
Give us the power of His Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
