

# BRENTOR CHURCH

24th January 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Family Worship



Led by  
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We warmly welcome everyone joining our  
service

*Introduction*

**St John wrote: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.**

# Welcome

We are still in the season of Epiphany. During this season we focus on how God revealed himself to the disciples and to the world.

Today we will look at how Jesus revealed his glory to his disciples at a wedding.

We begin our service by praising God in the words of *Psalm 100*

**O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know that the Lord is God;  
it is he that has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his name.**

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,  
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

***Hymn: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.***

## ***A time of confession***

We are in the week for Christian Unity and tonight we have a special online service with the other churches in and around Tavistock, but as Christians we are often divided.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept his love and to share it with others

## **Time of silent reflection**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

***Absolution***

**Minister:** May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**The Collect- our special prayer for today:**

**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**

***Our Readings***

***Psalm 113***

***From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.***

1 Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord,  
O praise the name of the Lord.

**2 Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
from this time forth and for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**4 The Lord is high above all nations  
and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the Lord our God, that has his throne so high,  
yet humbles himself to behold the things of heaven and earth?

**6 He raises the poor from the dust**

**and lifts the needy from the ashes,**

7 To set them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

**8 He gives the barren woman a place in the house  
and makes her a joyful mother of children.**

**Alleluia.**

***From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.***

***Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11*** (Good News Translation)

### **The Wedding in Cana**

2 Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine."

<sup>4</sup> "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, <sup>8</sup> and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, <sup>9</sup> which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

**Activity and Talk:**

*Jesus reveals his glory to his disciples at a party*

*Song: My Lighthouse* [Rend Collective](#)

***Affirmation of Faith***

let us declare our faith in God

**All** 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

**Hymn:** The Lord's my shepherd (Townend version)

***Prayers for the needs of the world and Christian Unity.***

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.

***Notices***

***Blessing***

***Final Hymn: You shall go out with Joy***



**Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers:** Mick, Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Heather, Sally and Jimmy Hubbard, Edward Walter, Lydia, Margaret, Lin Bristow, Tom, Helen Hardy and family and Margaret.

**Please pray** for the souls of the recently departed, especially Nanette, her husband Don and family, and her friend Val and other friends.

**Your prayers this week are asked for:**

**Mon-** Hope for the positive change in America's future.

**Tues-** All those again faced with flooding and the following clear up.

**Wed-** Those in hospital fighting against the virus.

**Thurs-** People facing life changing experiences.

**Fri-** All those struggling with this lockdown.

**Sat-** The Christian community around the World.

**Next Week:**

**9:45:** Morning Prayer with Sally and Christopher Pancheri

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