

# The Benefice of Chew Valley East

## Morning Prayer for Sunday 16 January 2022, the Second Sunday after Epiphany

*If you wish to join in the service, then the words in **bold** are to be said together. Please join in with the Psalms and Canticles – either by reciting each one in its entirety, or in response to the worship leader by reciting the even numbered verses.*

### Preparation

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

Your light springs up for the righteous  
**and all the peoples have seen your glory.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
king of the nations,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.  
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts  
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit  
that we may witness to your gospel  
and sing your praise in all the earth.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### **Psalm 36:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; ♦  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

<sup>7</sup>How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦  
All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life ♦  
and in your light shall we see light.

<sup>10</sup>O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

**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.**

### **First Reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of

tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

## **Canticle**

**Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine out, for your light has come, ♦  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

<sup>2</sup>Though night still covers the earth, ♦  
and darkness the peoples;

<sup>3</sup>Above you the Holy One arises, ♦  
and above you God's glory appears.

<sup>4</sup>The nations will come to your light, ♦  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

<sup>5</sup>Your gates will lie open continually, ♦  
shut neither by day nor by night.

<sup>6</sup>The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, ♦  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

<sup>7</sup>You will call your walls, Salvation, ♦  
and your gates, Praise.

<sup>8</sup>No more will the sun give you daylight, ♦  
nor moonlight shine upon you;

<sup>9</sup>But the Lord will be your everlasting light, ♦  
your God will be your splendour.

<sup>10</sup>For you shall be called the city of God, ♦  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b*

**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.**

**Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.**

## **Second Reading: John 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **Responsory**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

**let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

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

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

**Let the whole earth tremble before him.**

Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**

**let the whole earth tremble before him.**

*from Psalm 96*

## **Gospel Cantic: Benedictus**

**This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,  
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.

<sup>2</sup>He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.

<sup>3</sup>Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

<sup>4</sup>To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.

<sup>5</sup>This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

<sup>6</sup>Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

<sup>7</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

<sup>8</sup>To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

<sup>9</sup>In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>10</sup>To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

**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.**

**This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,  
the one who will bring healing to the nations.**

## **Intercessions**

*To the words:*           Fill us, Lord.

*Please respond:*       **fill us to the brim.**

Drawn by God's love and constant faithfulness to us, let us pray:

We pray for all those who would love to believe but cannot yet trust in the living God. We pray for those who have rejected faith because of the unloving behaviour of God's followers.

Fill us, Lord.

**fill us to the brim.**

We pray for all who give orders and have influence over other people.  
We pray that all lives may be led justly and with sensitivity.  
Fill us, Lord.

**fill us to the brim.**

We pray for all our relationships which need your transforming love;  
we pray for those we irritate and upset and those who have hurt and upset us.  
Fill us, Lord.

**fill us to the brim.**

We pray for those whose lives feel empty and lacking real meaning.  
We pray for those whose frailty, pain or illness makes it difficult to pray.  
Fill us, Lord.

**fill us to the brim.**

We pray for those who are dying, and those who have completed their life on  
earth, that they may be brought to peace and everlasting joy.  
Fill us, Lord.

**fill us to the brim.**

We thank you for all the joys of loving relationships,  
all the friendships we share, and the love we are enabled to give.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **Conclusion**

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.**

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