



**Parish of Timperley**  
Christ Church and Holy Cross



## **Liturgy for** **Epiphany**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BOOKLET AWAY WITH YOU**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouths 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.**

### *Confession*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

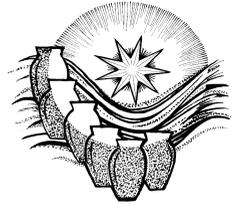
## Epiphany by Kate McIlhagga

Epiphany is a jewel, multi-faceted,  
flashing colour and light.

Epiphany embraces  
the nations of the world,  
kneeling on a bare floor before a child.

Epiphany shows  
a man kneeling in the waters of baptism.

Epiphany reveals  
the best is kept for last  
as water becomes wine at the wedding feast.



O Holy One,  
to whom was given the gifts of power and prayer, the gift of suffering,  
help us to use these same gifts  
in your way and in your name.

*from 'Shine on, star of Bethlehem' 2001*

### *Praise*

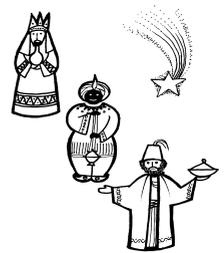
**All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,  
Yielding your glory in your loves design.  
That in our darkened hearts your grace may shine.  
Alleluia!**

**You came to us in lowliness of thought;  
By you the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by your death was our redemption bought.  
Alleluia!**

**The mind of Christ is as our minds should be:  
He was a servant that we might be free  
Humbling himself to death on Calvary.  
Alleluia!**

**And so we see in God's great purpose, how  
Christ has been raised above all creatures now  
And at his name shall every nation bow.  
Alleluia!**

**Let every tongue confess with one accord  
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
And God the Father be by all adored.  
Alleluia!**



## Prayers

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world.

Forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
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.**



O good Jesus,  
Word of the Father and brightness of his glory,  
whom angels desire to behold:  
teach me to do your will that, guided by your Spirit,  
I may come to that blessed city of everlasting day,  
where all are one in heart and mind,  
where there is safety and eternal peace, happiness and delight,  
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

**Amen.**

*after Gregory the Great (604)*

Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations,  
made known in the gifts of those  
who call to other names and walk on different ways:  
may unjust powers and the hatred within us  
be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through  
Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace.

**Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church.*

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
making the true light to shine:  
lighten our darkness now and evermore  
that with our lips and in our lives  
we may praise you;  
for you are our God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

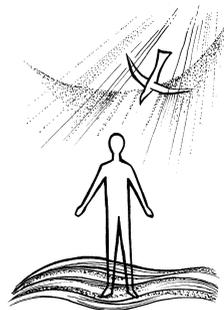
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Dismissal and blessing*

The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,  
to accept his truth more faithfully,  
and to share his life more lovingly;  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.  
**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.**



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