



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

The Church of England and The Methodist Church in Partnership

Serving the whole community

Worship@Home for The Second Sunday of Epiphany On being the body of Christ

You are invited to have some bread available for this Service

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work,
and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests
their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is
abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Invitation to 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 God, we have sinned
against you; we have done evil in your sight. We
are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according
to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit**

**within us and restore to us the joy of your
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have
mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you*
in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Giving Glory to God

Glory to you, O God: **you raised Jesus from the
grave, bringing us victory over death and giving us
eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ: **for us and for our salvation
you overcame death and opened the gate to
everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: **you lead us into the truth
and breathe new life into us.**

Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **now and for
ever. Amen.**

Collect for the Day: 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.

Responsorial Psalm (See pew sheet)

Reading (See pew sheet)

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

Gospel Reading (See pew sheet)

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed
among the nations and believed in throughout the world.
Alleluia.

At the opening Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to *N*.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all
being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions (See separate sheet)

The Lord's Prayer: We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us: **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 from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace: Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.
cf Isaiah 9.6,7

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: We three kings

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

On being the Body of Christ

As you look at the bread before you, consider what it means to you to be a part of the Body of Christ. *Pray for the Body of Christ – in Rickmansworth, in our land, across the world – and be thankful.*

As you break the bread in two, consider those you know who, like you, are part of the dispersed Body of Christ. *Pray for the worshipping community of St Mary's which, though physically dispersed at this time, holds together through the love of Christ – and be thankful.*

As you bring the pieces of bread together, consider how we, together, are the Body of Christ and bring it to completion. *Pray for yourself and for each other Pray for your friends at St Mary's, recognising that our community continues through our faith in Jesus Christ – and be thankful.*

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the Body of Christ of which I am a part

We each eat some bread – remembering we are, together, the body of Christ

Closing Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: O love that will not let me go

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller, be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.