

Morning Worship - St Michael's - Sunday 12th January 2025

Welcome. Revd Jean Pryce-Williams

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's anointed (193)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

God's saving power will rise like the sun
**bringing healing like the sun's rays
on a bleak and cold land.**

Come Lord Jesus.

To us, just as we are -

full of hope in this new day,
or holding some anxiety in it,

with a song in our hearts

or sadness in our souls,

full of faith, or doubt, or apathy,

come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

To calm or comfort us,

or stir us and move us on,

to help us knock and open a door

or to allow one to close shut tight,

to share our hopes, light or truth

In whichever way we need to,

come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O brother, saviour, friend Jesus,
you were so good at befriending people,
at meeting them just as they were.
Befriend us today and teach us,
that we might delight
in the pleasure of your company
and learn to be more like you.

In your name we ask.

Amen

Confession and Absolution

Let us pray.

In a dark and disfigured world
We have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
We have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and love hungry world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

We say together:

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect His glory in every step. Amen

May the God of all love, power and new beginnings
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit.
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say (231)

The Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Readings:

Luke 3:1-22

Psalm 51:6-17

Sermon

Offertory Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation. (76)

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

Intercessions.

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.**

Closing prayer and Blessing

Jesus, lord of time,
hold us in your eternity.

Jesus, image of God,
travel with us through the life of faith.

Jesus, friend of sinners,
heal the brokenness of our world.

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,
draw us into your future. Amen.

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name; above all names.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and all those you love, through every twist, turn and new adventure of life and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: Lord, the light of your love.

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