

**St Mary Magdalene with St Martin
25th January 2026 Morning Prayer
The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Before the service

Song: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

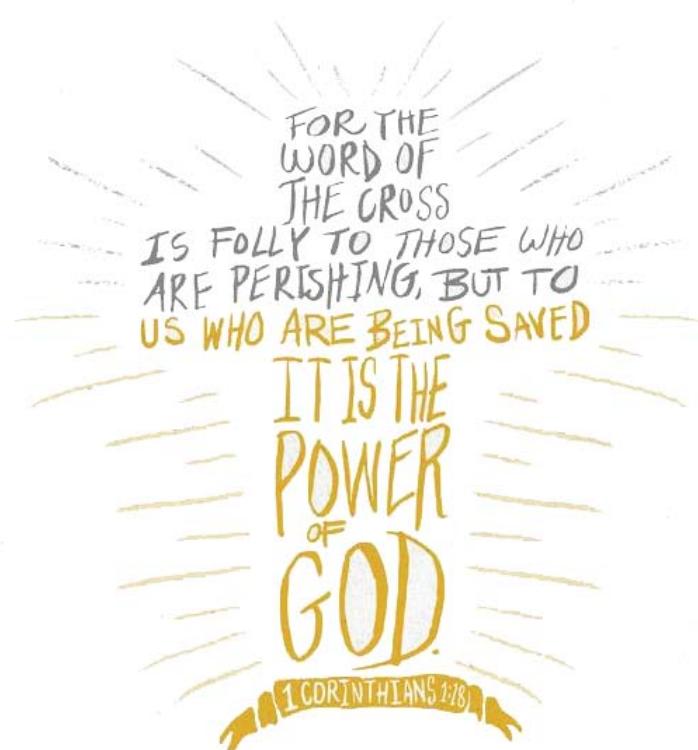
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbours
we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbours are rich folk and poor,
neighbours are black, brown and white.
neighbours are nearby and far away.

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.



Greeting

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The minister may say:

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy Word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Song: Therefore we lift our hearts in praise

Therefore we lift our hearts in praise,
sing to the living God who saves,
for grace poured out for you and me.

There for everyone to see,
there on the hill at Calvary,
Jesus died for you and me.

For our sad and broken race
He rose with life and grace,
and reigns on high for you and me.

There for such great pain and cost
the Spirit came at Pentecost,
and comes in power for you and me.

Therefore we lift our hearts in praise,
sing to the living God who saves,
for grace poured out for you and me.

Confession

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Forgiveness

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.

Amen.

Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you most
humble and hearty thanks for all your
goodness and loving kindness to us and all
humankind.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love in
the redemption of the world by our Lord
Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and the
hope of glory.**

**Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your
mercies that our hearts may be sincerely
thankful, so that we may show forth your
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever
and ever.**

Amen.

Song: Lord, you have come to the lakeside

Lord, you have come to the lakeside,
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only ask me to follow humbly

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me
Kindly smiling, have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By your side I will seek other seas*

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
But nets and fishes - my daily labour

You need of my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest
And constant love, that keeps on loving.

You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed-for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus you call me.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Divisions in the Church

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead. On the
third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Intercessions

Collect for The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.

Notices.

Song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
Opening our hearts to Him
Singing alleluia! alleluia!
Jesus is our King!*

Create in us, O God
A humble heart that sets us free
To proclaim the wondrous majesty
Of our Father in heaven

We bear the name of Christ
Justified, we meet with Him
His words and presence calm our fear
Revealing God our Father here

Let kindred voices join
Honouring the Lamb of God
Who teaches us by bread and wine
The mystery of His body

Pour out Your Spirit on us
Empowering us to live as one
To carry Your redeeming love
To a world enslaved by sin

THE CONCLUSION

The formal ending may be used.

The Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us his peace.

Amen.

