



24th January 2021
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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Collect

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.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri

Mon 25th January Matthew 19 vv. 27 – 30
Conversion of Paul

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Tue 26th January Luke 10 vv. 1 – 9
Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

Wed 27th January Mark 4 vv. 1 – 20
11.00 am Fr Henry: Conducting a ministerial review

2.30 pm Fr Henry: Reflective practice

Thu 28th January Mark 4 vv. 21 – 25
Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274

Fr Henry and Fr Steve: Clergy training day

Fri 29th January Mark 4 vv. 26 – 34
12.30 pm Fr Henry: Funeral of Mary Vinnicombe at St Peter's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium

Sat 30th January Mark 4 vv. 35 – 41
Charles, king, martyr, 1649

Next Sunday: 31st January
Presentation of Christ at the Temple (Candlemas)

Luke 2 vv. 22 – 40

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Genesis 14 vv. 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Psalm 128

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; your children round your table, like fresh olive branches. Thus shall the one be blest who fears the Lord. The Lord from out of Zion bless you, that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life. May you see your children's children, and may there be peace upon Israel.

Second Reading: Revelation 19 vv. 6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel Reading: John 2 vv. 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So, they took it. 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, '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.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

