

# **A service of the word in Epiphanytide for all the Church Family**

**The Parish Church of  
St Mary Magdalene  
Lincoln**





## Gathering to worship God

### *Greeting*

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**All: Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

**All: the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**All: O praise the name of the Lord!**

### *Opening Prayer*

**All: Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in  
truth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day,  
is said.*

## Saying sorry to God

### *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.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness.*

May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## *Praise*

*These words may be said*

Arise, shine, for your light has come  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

**All: God's salvation has been shown to all people.**

## **Hearing and responding to the Word of God**

### *Reading(s)*

*After each reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *Response*

*A short reflection is offered.*

## *Affirmation of Faith*

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

**All: 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?

**All: 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?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

*The prayers may include one of these responses*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear your people

**All: and answer our prayers.**

*The prayers may end with*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us so we pray

**All: 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.**

**Going out to serve God**

*This prayer may be said*

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead us also in our pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
**Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of  
darkness, give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
**Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill your lives  
with his joy and peace.  
**Amen.**

*May* the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung*

*Thank you for sharing in this service.*

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