

**St. Andrew's Gorleston  
HOLY COMMUNION  
10am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
2nd Sunday of Epiphany**



**Welcome**

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, **your faithfulness to the skies**. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, **your justice like the great deep**. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! **People take refuge in the shadow of your wings**. They feast on the abundance of your house; **you give them drink from your river of delights**. For with you is the fountain of life; **in your light we see light**.

**Psalm 36:5-9**

As we receive, so may we give: to the God who loves us, let us give our love; to the God who pours out his heart for us, let us pour out our hearts in worship. **Like guests at a wedding feast, we have come from far and near to join in this family celebration. The gifts we bring are ourselves – our hearts and minds and souls and strength, to share with God and each other in love. It is a bring-and-share celebration of God's union with the world. Let us feast and rejoice together, in God's abundant love. Amen.**

**Hymn Jesus, come! For we invite you,**

Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak, and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants,  
let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation,  
heaven brought near in power divine;  
give your unexpected glory  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples —  
come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!

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## Confession

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of what we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.** May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The collect for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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.**

## First Reading

### Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, [*which means my delight is in her*] and your land Beulah [*which means married*]; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Song One shall tell another

And He shall tell his friend  
Husbands wives and children  
Shall come following on  
From house to house in families  
Shall more be gathered in  
And lights will shine in every street  
So warm and welcoming

*Come on in and taste the new wine  
The wine of the kingdom  
The wine of the kingdom of God  
Here is healing and forgiveness  
The wine of the kingdom  
The wine of the kingdom of God*

Compassion of the Father  
Is ready now to flow  
Through acts of love and mercy  
We must let it show  
He turns now from His anger  
To show a smiling face  
And longs that men should stand beneath  
The fountain of His grace

He longs to do much more than  
Our faith has yet allowed  
To thrill us and surprise us  
With His sovereign power  
Where darkness has been darkest  
The brightest light will shine  
His invitation comes to us  
It's yours and it is mine

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## Gospel Reading

### John 2:1-11

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

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**Talk**

### Song Hear the call of the kingdom

Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ may shine through us

*King of heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To reach out to the lost

With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him

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## 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Song** Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us — he is with us;  
break the bread, drink the wine —  
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us — he is with us;  
know his grace, find his peace —  
feast on Jesus here.

*In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup there's life for ever;  
in this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here.*

Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us — he is with us;  
we'll proclaim, till he comes —  
Jesus crucified.

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## Eucharistic Prayer H

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.** It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for

yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.** In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.** On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.** At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.** As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.** With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour 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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.** Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*The President and people receive communion*

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.**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Birthdays and Notices**

**Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling,**  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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### **Closing prayer and blessing**

Generous God, your love is overflowing: **may we be generous beyond expectation.** Generous God, your love is overflowing: **may we use what you give us wisely.** Generous God, your love is overflowing: **may we never underestimate your generosity.** Generous God, your love is overflowing: **it surrounds us every day.** Generous God, your love is overflowing: **we thank you with overflowing hearts.** The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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