

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home
Sunday 29th January 2023
Epiphany 4, Year A
9am Worship Service
A variation of Alternative form

HYMN: AT 2 THIS IS THE DAY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZwW0D2OZ4>

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it**

**This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it**

**This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

IN THE NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GREETING - *spoken*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ALL)

(Let us pray for trust in God. *[silence]*)

**Thank you, God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for showing us your power
in the weakness of the cross.
Teach us to rely on you alone
and to live by the power of the Holy Spirit.
We ask this through your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

THEME OF THE DAY

Matthew 5:1-12
“Blessed are ...”

FIRST READING

[Micah 6:1-8](#)

After the reading: spoken

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

[1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)

After the reading: spoken

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE - *sung*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (SPOKEN)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us* and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

HYMN: LH858 MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI&list=RDihhvm6eLWZI&start_radio=1

**Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to life.**

*Words and Music: Sebastian Temple
(based on St Francis of Assisi)*

SERMON

**Matthew 5:1-12
"Blessed are ..."**

Jesus works so differently from the world... even so differently from the way many Christians expect, and even differently from the way the church sometimes expects. He seems to bless the wrong people, and the wrong programmes. He blesses the poor, the hungry, the mourners, the persecuted, whereas he sends the rich away empty and the happy go home downcast. Today we look at the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. But there is another list in Luke 6:20-26, which goes on to say who is not blessed. The truth is that those who look for blessing in the wrong places miss out.

Those who are blessed look to God for blessing and are blessed by God for this life, and even more for the life to come. In an age where we often can't wait for blessing, it is likely that we will miss out altogether. The Psalms keep reminding us to **wait on the Lord**, which doesn't just call for patience, but even more gives us direction to where we should look for blessing.

Jacob can teach us a thing or two about blessing. **I will not let you go unless you bless me.** Genesis 32:26. It is good that worship never finishes before the worshippers have been blessed to go into world to serve the Lord, and blessed to bless others, and to **bless the Lord, O my soul.** A richly blessed week to you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: TIS446 GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQMnZ-xl9js>

**Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage —
grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.**

**Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.**

**Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the worldlings' pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.**

Words: J Newton 1725-1807

Music: C V Taylor 1907-91

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Wise and merciful God,
thank you for choosing us to be your people.
Teach us to yearn for what is right
and to do what you want us to do.
Use us and our possessions
for your wise and good purposes.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF GODS PEOPLE

Call to prayer

St Paul reminds us that God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. We come before our Father in our weakness, acknowledging that we are totally dependent on him, seeking his strength and wisdom.

The regular response, OR:

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Suggested intercessions

- * for the poor in spirit
- * for the pure in heart
- * for the peacemakers
- * for the merciful
- * for all who witness to God's love in Christ

Concluding prayer

Almighty Father, hear our prayer. Since we can do nothing good without you, send us your Spirit so that your purposes may be fulfilled in us, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

We deserve your eternal punishment.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?
I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name?
I do.

Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?
I do.

Announcement of Absolution

As a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER – *spoken*

**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 forever.**

Amen.

BLESSING – *spoken*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, † and give you peace.

Amen

HYMN: TIS 571 FORTH IN YOUR NAME

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUVAbXgJyqQ>

**Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
You, Lord, alone resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do.**

**Each task your wisdom has assigned
Still let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works your presence find,
And prove your good and perfect will.**

**You may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance view,
And labour on at your command,
And offer all my works to you.**

**Give me to bear your easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to your glorious day;**

**For you delightfully employ
All that your bounteous grace has given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with you to heaven.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88

Music: from melody and bass of Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625