Service for Epiphany 3

Welcome:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

**Loving God, we have come to worship you.**

**Help us to pray to you in faith,**

**To sing your praise with gratitude,**

**And to listen to your word with eagerness;**

**Through Christ our Lord.** **Amen.**

Opening hymn: Bless the Lord O my soul

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You’re rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

10,000 reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing

the end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

10,000 years and then forever more

Confession:

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love;

fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy,

**Lord, have mercy**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith;

fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust;

fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, Your Son has opened for us

A new and living way into your presence

Give us new hearts and steadfast wills

To walk in your ways and delight in your truth

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: 2 Kings 4:1-15

The Girl with no name:

Hymn: Draw me near

Draw me close to you

Never let me go

I lay it all down again

To hear you say that I’m your friend

You are my desire

No one else will do

Cause nothing else could take your place

To feel the warmth of your embrace

Help me find the way

Bring me back to you

*You’re all I want*

*You’re all I’ve ever needed*

*You’re all I want*

*Help me know you are near*

On the frontline:

Prayers:

**Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all Joy,**

**Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy.**

**Be there at our Waking, and give us we pray,**

**Your Bliss in our hearts Lord at the Break of the day.**

Heavenly Father, please help us, as we awake each day, to be aware of your presence with us, and commit ourselves to serve, wherever you lead us, confident of your Spirit within us.

Please calm our anxieties about Covid19, facing each day to keep ourselves and others safe, and looking forward to better days.

Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**Lord of all Eagerness, Lord of all Faith,**

**Whose strong hands were skilled, at the plane and the lathe.**

**Be there at our Labours, and give us we pray,**

**Your Strength in our hearts Lord at the Noon of the day.**

Please help us Lord, in all the things we do, to be ever mindful of your presence,

and to be your hands on earth.

Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**Lord of all Kindness, Lord of all Grace,**

**Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.**

**Be there at our Homing, and give us we pray,**

**Your Love in our hearts Lord at the Eve of the day.**

Lord we know that, without Your presence, we are nothing. Please help us to strive each day, against the hazards of life that so easily divert us into ways that are unworthy of Your grace.

Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**Lord of all Gentleness, Lord of all Calm,**

**Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm.**

**Be there at our Sleeping, and give us we pray,**

**Your Peace in our hearts Lord at the End of the day.**

As we come to you in our homes this day, let it be a place of peace. We think of those who are on our hearts, those who are sad or suffering, worried, sick or lonely.

And in bereavement we remember the family and friends of those who have died, especially those known to us. Please give all those who mourn, the assurance of your presence, and the hope of eternal joy.

Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: To God be the glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the earth hear His voice*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the people rejoice*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son*

*And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood

To every believer the promise of God

The vilest offender who truly believes

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Chorus*

Great things He hath taught us,

great things He hath done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder our rapture when Jesus we see

*Chorus*

Blessing:

May the Father,

who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world,

shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ,

who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,

fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,

by whose overshadowing Mary became the God bearer,

give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit

Be with you all this day and forever more. **Amen.**