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## ***St Mary's Ecclesfield***

***“Following Jesus: Celebrating Life;  
Welcoming All.”***

### **Morning Prayer in the season of Epiphany 2021**

#### ***We Prepare***

May the light and peace of Jesus our Lord be  
with us. **Amen**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the  
universe!

**To you be glory and praise forever**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

**To you be glory and praise forever**

When the time had come you sent your Son,  
in Him the fulness of your glory dwells.

**To you be glory and praise forever**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### ***We Confess***

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave  
Himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us  
confess our sins.

*The minister invites us to a time of reflection and  
self-examination.*

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**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Eternal Lord God,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*We listen to the Word of God*

**First Reading - Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*We pause for a time of reflection.*

**The Psalm - Psalm 40:7-10, 17-end**

*At the end of the Psalm we say:*  
**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading - Mark 3:7-12**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Reflection.*

**The Apostles' 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**

*We are led in prayers of intercession.*

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

*At the end of the intercessions:*

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers for the sake of your only  
Son Jesus Christ our lord. Amen**

*The Collect of the day is said*

**The Lord's Prayer.**

Trusting in God's promises, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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**

**The Conclusion.**

May the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shine in our hearts and transform our lives, that we may bring His light to others, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**