

**The Benefice of All Saints', Highbrook  
& St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly**

**Hymns, Prayers, and Readings for  
Epiphany 3 - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Opening Hymn – 53 - Be still, for the presence of the Lord.**

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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. **All Amen**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Genesis 14.17-20**

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

maker of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 128**

- <sup>1</sup> Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways.
- <sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
- <sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.
- <sup>4</sup> Thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.
- <sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!

***All* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

## **Revelation 19.6-10**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;  
to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure'—  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn – 406 - One shall tell another.**

## **The Gospel**

### **John 2.1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So, they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn – 226 - I cannot tell.**

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – 103 - Crown Him with many crowns.**