



# Epiphany Worship

Theme for today  
The visit of the Magi

**A verse from scripture**  
Arise, shine,  
for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord  
rises upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Minister Arise, shine, for your light has come.  
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**All: The glory of God shines in the darkness.**

## Opening Statement

Lord God, by the light of a star you led travellers to the Christ child and when they found Jesus they were filled with joy and worshipped him. May your light of love shine through the darkness of our world, to draw us close to you that we too may worship and discover the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Hymn** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

## Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, wise men from the East worshipped and adored you; they brought you gifts - gold, incense, and myrrh. We too have seen your glory, but we have often turned away. Lord, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have gifts, but we have not fully used them or offered them to you.

Lord, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have acclaimed you as king, but we have not served you with all our strength.

Lord, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have acknowledged you as God, but we have not desired holiness.

Lord, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

We too have welcomed you as Saviour, but we have failed to tell others of your grace.

Lord, in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

**Make our trust more certain, make our love more real, make our worship more acceptable to you; for your glory's sake. Amen.**

Minister The Lord enrich you with his grace  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble  
and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Minister O Lord open our lips

**All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

Minister Let us worship the Lord

**All All praise to his name. 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 for ever. Amen**

**Hymn** The trumpets sound, the angels sing

### **The Offering**

*After the offering is collected it may be brought forward.*

*The people stand as it is presented and say*

**The Magi paid homage to Jesus, offering gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh. We too bring the gifts of  
our lives and offer them in joy to Jesus Christ.**

### **The Collect**

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Common Worship Shorter Collect*

*The reader introduces the reading which can be followed in Partnership News. At the end of the reading the following words are used*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn** We three kings of Orient are

### **Prayer**

### **The Sermon**

**Hymn** As with gladness men of old

### **Thanksgiving**

King Jesus, we bring you our gold

**Talents your Father gave us, skills we have acquired, a little money, a little power, a little success perhaps, and plenty of ambition. These we offer to you, so that you may make them really worth something in your kingdom.**

Jesus, great High Priest, we bring you our frankincense:

**Deep needs and longings, which are sometimes easier to admit in church: the need for forgiveness and peace, the need for friendship and love, the wish to do good and the knowledge that we must have help if we are to do it. Lord, help us and pray for us.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour, we bring you our myrrh:

**Shadows on our path, weakness, illness, limitations, grief for ourselves and others, our knowledge of parting and pain. These we offer to you so that what we bear may be touched with the holiness of what you bore for us; and so that, by your grace, we may have a part in the world's redemption.**

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Hymn** Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour

### The Blessing

**Thank you, Lord, for shining on us with the brightness of your presence. Lead us always to worship Christ our king, and to reflect your light to others by lives of loving service.**

May God the Father bless you, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son.

May Jesus Christ bless you, who took our nature upon himself.

May the Holy Spirit bless you, by whose power our Redeemer was born of the Virgin Mary.

And may the blessing of the undivided Trinity remain upon you, this day and evermore. Amen.

**Minister** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** **In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

