



## Morning Worship

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.  
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us  
**and we beheld his glory.**

**ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE,**  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.  
*William Whiting (1825-78)*

### *Confession*

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children. We have sinned:

**forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned:

**forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

**forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

**forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned:

**forgive and heal us.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw *us* to himself and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins, that *we* may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Collect*

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Readings:*     Isaiah 43:1-7  
                       Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Talk**Creed*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

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Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**COME, LET US SING OF A WONDERFUL LOVE,**

Tender and true;

Out of the heart of the Father above,

Streaming to me and to you:

Wonderful love

Dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,

Joyfully came;

Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,

Sharing their sorrow and shame;

Seeking the lost,

Saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;

Why do they roam?

Love only waits to forgive and forget;

Home, weary wanderer, home!

Wonderful love

Dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O Thou wonderful love,

Come and abide,

Lifting my life, till it rises above

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Envy and falsehood and pride,  
Seeking to be  
Lowly and humble, a learner of Thee.  
*Robert Walmsley*

O God our mystery,  
you bring us to life,  
call us to freedom,  
and move between us with love.  
May we so participate  
in your dance of trinity  
that our lives may resonate with you,  
now and for ever.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.

**Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
the holy and undivided Trinity,  
guard *us*, save *us*,  
and bring *us* to that heavenly city,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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