

Epiphany Mass
St Michael and St John
Clitheroe

Friday 6th January 2023



Entrance Hymn- We Three Kings

Chorus

**O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

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| 1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star. | 1. 2. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Earth to heaven replies. |
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First Reading:

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

**Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.**

**Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.**

**The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.**

**Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.**

**At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.**

The word of the Lord

Bidding Prayers:

The response is: Hear Our Prayer

We pray for the church. May we all be a light shining out in the darkness and faithful heralds of the Christmas message so that all may come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord. (pause) Lord, in your mercy

We pray for a strengthening in our own faith as we start a new year. May we, like Mary the Mother of God, treasure and ponder daily the gospel message and be active in our daily lives as witnesses to your promise of hope and love for all. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

We pray that as today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, we may, like the Wise Men, eagerly continue our personal faith journeys and recognise that the true path to salvation lies in following the ways of the Lord. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

Communion Hymn- This Little Light of Mine

Chorus

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine,

Let it shine.

1. The light that shines is the light of love,
Lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
It shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.
2. On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith
On Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
Friday he told me just to watch and pray,
Saturday he told me just what to say.
On Sunday he gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine

Final Hymn- The Spirit Sets Us Free

1. The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus-Walk in the light,

Walk in the light,

Walk in the light,

Walk in the light of the Lord.

2. Jesus promised life to all,

Walk, walk in the light.

The dead were wakened by his call,

Walk, walk in the light.



Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.