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3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

23rd January 2022

ST MICHAEL'S HYMNS

Entrance

66 Bind us together, Lord

Before the Gospel

436 Make way, make way

Offertory

218 God's Spirit is in my heart

Communion

40 As the deer pants for the water

Final

205 God is working his purpose out



COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

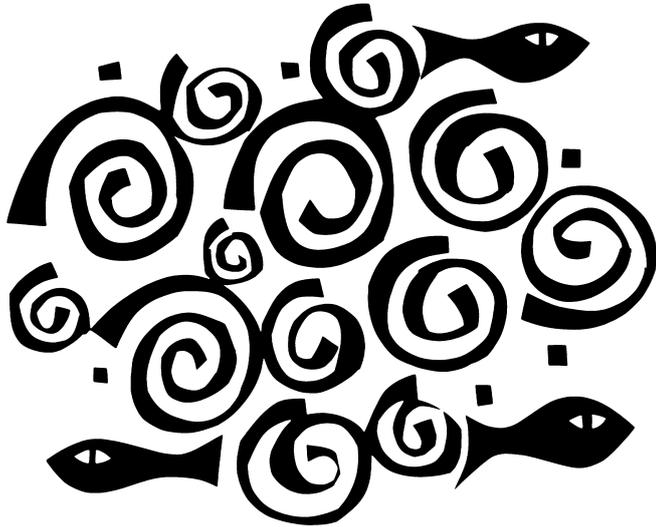
Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



FOR OUR PRAYERS: Doreen, Jacob, Janet, Chioma, Prosperity, and all those among or close to us who are recovering from illness.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are starting this Sunday! So, put the **2nd and 4th Sundays** down in your diary as Sunday School. All children very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 January

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Church: 15:30 - 18:00 - Homework Club

Hall: 17:30 - 18:30 - Rainbows

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00 - Brownies

Tuesday 25 January

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00 - Pilates

Wednesday 26 January

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Thursday 27 January

Chapel 18:30 - Eucharist service

Hall: 18:30 - 20:30 - Guides

Sunday 30 January

Church 10:00 - Holy Communion in church and on YouTube

Hall 13:00-17:00 - I AM Church

OT: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NLT)

¹ all the people assembled with a unified purpose at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had given for Israel to obey.

² So on October 8 Ezra the priest brought the Book of the Law before the assembly, which included the men and women and all the children old enough to understand. ³ He faced the square just inside the Water Gate from early morning until noon and read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet.

⁶ Then Ezra praised the LORD, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, "Don't mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the LORD your God." For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ And Nehemiah continued, "Go and

celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the LORD is



GOSPEL: Luke 4: 14 - 21 (NLT)

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. ¹⁵ He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. ¹⁷ The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,

that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,

¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD's favour has come."

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. ²¹ Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

