

# Service 24 Jan

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Sermon Audio file

Welcome to our shared worship for Sunday 24th January

The God of Abraham praise

sung by St Martin's Voices

1 The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting Days,  
and God of love:  
To him uplift the voice,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth we rise and seek the joys  
At his right hand.

2 There dwells the Lord our King,  
the Lord our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world of sin,  
the Prince of Peace:  
on Sion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and glorious with his saints in light  
for ever reigns.

3 The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' cry,  
'almighty King,  
who was, and is the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee.'

4 The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost',  
they ever cry:  
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.

Yigaddel Elohim chay weyishtabach  
Daniel Ben Judah (fl 14th century), Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

## Confession

Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
  
we have done evil in your sight.  
  
We are sorry and repent.  
  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
  
Renew a right spirit within us  
  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Canticle from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.  
  
Though night still covers the earth,  
  
and darkness the peoples;  
  
Above you the Holy One arises,  
  
and above you God's glory appears.  
  
The nations will come to your light,  
  
and kings to your dawning brightness.  
  
Your gates will lie open continually,  
  
shut neither by day nor by night.  
  
The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,  
  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and your gates, Praise.  
No more will the sun give you daylight,  
nor moonlight shine upon you;  
But the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your splendour.  
For you shall be called the city of God,  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

John 2, 1 - 12

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.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

Christ is our light! the bright and morning star

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1 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.

2 Christ is our love! baptised that we may know

the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see you in the light of heaven's embrace.

3 Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.  
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

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Creed

We say together in faith  
Holy, holy, holy

is the Lord God almighty

who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,

who created all things:

for by his will they were created

and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,

who was slain:

for with his blood,

he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice  
sung by St Martin's Voices

1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole Church at last be one.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

George K A Bell (1883-1958)  
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