



Sunday 5th January 2025

10.30am Morning Worship

Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

We three Kings

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer

Words of greeting

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.**

**May we be wise in our worship,
and open to your Spirit.**

Song : We three kings

This Time Tomorrow

Introduce craft

Introduce Video

Confession

**Gracious God,
we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child,
those who dropped all that they were doing
and travelled to worship the coming of God's love into this world.**

**Forgive us when we have not shared Jesus with others,
Forgive us when we have thought that some are beyond forgiveness.**

Forgive us when we have not loved with the love of Jesus.

The Magi remind us that Jesus came for us all.

**May we live our lives as true disciples in your name,
without counting the cost.**

**In the name of Christ,
the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.**

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Songs : You spoke and behold
Reckless Love**

Bible Reading Matthew 2 : 1 – 12

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Talk : We three Kings

Song : Come set your rule and reign

Affirmation of faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Final prayer