



St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh
A community of welcome in the Borders

19th January 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Canon Susan Macdonald

Hymn 377

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

PREPARATION

(page 1, blue service book)

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of heaven and earth: mercifully hear the prayers of your people, and grant your peace to our times; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(page 4, blue service book)

Reading:

Isaiah 62:1 – 5

(p. 719, pew Bible)

Psalm 36

With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light

Hymn 366

God of mercy, God of grace

Gospel:

John 2:1 – 11

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

(pages 4 – 6)

Hymn 297

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(page 7, then page 17, blue service book)

At Communion: *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves.*

Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).

Prayer after *We use prayer (a) on page 30:*

Communion ***“Holy and life-giving God ...”***

Hymn 393 *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Blessing and Dismissal

We pray especially today for
Grace Lancaster and Linda Grant

Dear Friends and People of God,

‘They have no wine.’ With those words Mary speaks a truth about the wedding at Cana. With those words, Mary speaks a truth about our lives, a truth that at some point we all experience.

There comes a day when the wine gives out, when the glass is empty, when the party is over.

I am sure each one of us could tell a story about the day the wine gave out. And however hard we work, no matter how often we refill it, it seems our glass returns to or remains empty. And as the days wear on we come to understand that we cannot replenish the wine from our own resources. Too often we live with the illusion of our own self-sufficiency. That illusion is shattered on the day the wine runs out and the jars of our life stand empty and dry.

That day confronts us with a new truth as old as creation itself. We are the recipients and not the creators of our lives. We were never intended nor expected to live by the

sufficiency of our own resources. Christ is the true vintner and chief steward and the day the wine runs out is the beginning of a miracle. For Christ does not simply refill our glasses. He transforms our lives, turning water into wine. It is, after all, the third day, the day of resurrection and new life.

That is the miracle at Cana and it has never ceased happening: Every moment of every day Christ pours himself into the empty jars of our lives. He is the good wine; extravagant, abundant, intoxicating, endless. Every time that good wine is poured our lives are changed and transformed.

I cannot tell you how that happens. I do not know how it happens. I only know **that it happens**. I have tasted the good wine myself. I have experienced the miracle at Cana in my life, and I have seen it in the lives of others. Those are moments Christ's glory is revealed and we are illumined, shining with the radiance of his glory. His glory becomes ours, two lives one glory.

'They have no wine,' Mary said. But they will. We will. The miracle always begins when the wine gives out.

With my love and prayers: Andi

COMING UP:

Wednesday 22nd January, 7.00pm

First meeting of St. John's new Vestry

Saturday 25th January 10.30am – 12.30pm

at St Cuthbert's, Hawick

'Jesus Christ is the Light of the World'

– a morning of family fun activities around the 'Christingle', including a soup and roll lunch. All are welcome.

