

13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'"

14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

15 Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk 'Seven washing cycles' – *Tina Trevett*

Hymn

How deep the Father's love for us	It was my sin that held Him there
How vast beyond all measure	Until it was accomplished
That He should give His only Son	His dying breath has brought me life
To make a wretch His treasure	I know that it is finished
How great the pain of searing loss	I will not boast in anything
The Father turns His face away	No gifts, no power, no wisdom
As wounds which mar the chosen One	But I will boast in Jesus Christ
Bring many sons to glory	His death and resurrection
Behold the man upon a cross	Why should I gain from His reward?
My sin upon his shoulders	I cannot give an answer
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice	But this I know with all my heart
Call out among the scoffers	His wounds have paid my ransom

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service

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The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

MORNING PRAISE - FRIENDS SUNDAY

10am - Sunday 29th January 2012 - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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Welcome/Notices

Invitation to Worship (Based on James 4 and Revelation 4)

Come close to God, and he will come close to you. The Lord our God is worthy to receive glory and honour and power, for he has created and redeemed us:

Heavenly Father, in our worship, help us to sing your praise, confess our sins, hear your word, and bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn

1 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,

For by His power each tree and flower Was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it, Sun, moon and stars in heaven Cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs
For Jesus is Lord!*

2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal

Confession

God our Father, we come to you

in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,

In flesh He came to die in pain On Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,

Yet gave His life a ransom Thus setting us free.

3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror, From death He rose, and all His foes Shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit To show by works of power That Jesus is Lord.

and think and say; Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

The collect for the 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

1 There is a redeemer
Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
‘Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Son of God, Messiah,
Lamb for sinners slain;

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
‘Till the work on earth is done.

3 When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that holy place.

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
‘Till the work on earth is done.

Prayers of Intercession

God beyond us,
God with us,
God inside us,
we worship you.

God outside us,
God among us,
God within us,
we praise you.

God above,
God beside,

God below,
we thank you.

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
we honour you.

God of past,
God of present,
God of future,
we bless you

God of here,
God of there,
God of everywhere,
we salute you.

God of majesty,
God of love,
God of power,
**we acknowledge
you.**

Hymn

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,

thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4 Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Reading – 2 Kings 5:1-15

1 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

2 Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.

5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.

6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.