

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

# The Epiphany of the Lord.



All stand

### *We Three Kings – Entrance Hymn*

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

#### **[Chorus]**

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high.

#### **[Chorus]**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

#### **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God **and to you, my brothers and sisters,**  
**that I have greatly sinned,**  
**in my thoughts and in my words,**  
**in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**  
**through my fault,**  
**through my fault,**  
**through my most grievous fault;**  
**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,**  
**all the Angels and Saints,**  
**and you, my brothers and sisters,**  
**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

O God, who on this day

revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations

by the guidance of a star,

grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith,

may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit

#### **The Liturgy of the Word**

##### **First reading**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

***All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

***All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.***

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

***All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.***

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him.

***All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.***

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

***All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.***

All stand

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**We saw his star as it rose**  
**and have come to do the Lord homage.**  
**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **The Homily**

Please stand

### **The Profession of Faith**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**I do**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**I do**

May the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem and his Epiphany to the world as its Saviour  
Strengthen your faith, encourage your hope and nurture your love,  
In Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

### **The First Nowell – Offertory Hymn**

The first “Nowell” the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev’reently upon their knee,  
And offered there, in his presence,  
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.

**Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!**  
**Born is the King of Israel!**

### **The Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

All stand

The Liturgy of the Eucharist



Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

The people reply:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look with favour, Lord, we pray,  
on these gifts of your Church,  
in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh,  
but he who by them is proclaimed,  
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

### **Preface**

....as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All sit

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

...Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

All stand

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Prayer for Peace**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

All sit

**Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**



### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

Jesus Christ,  
Son of God,  
Saviour.

We adore the majesty of your Incarnation.  
We adore you present in our midst.

Bring peace to the world this Christmas Season.  
Bring peace to your people through our participation in this Sacrament.

Amen

All stand

### **Prayer after Communion**

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,  
always and everywhere,  
that we may perceive with clear sight  
and revere with true affection  
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **The Concluding Rites**

#### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Blessed be the name of the Lord **Now and forever**  
Our help is in the name of the Lord **Who made heaven and earth**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

### ***We Three Kings – Final Hymn***

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

#### **[Chorus]**

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

#### **[Chorus]**

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