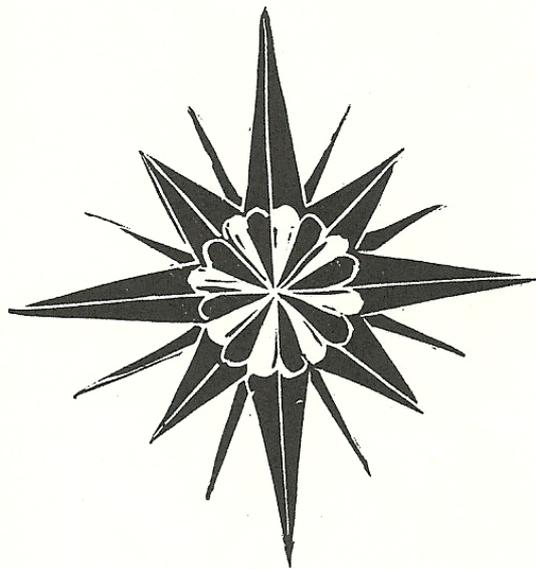


THE PARISH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER,
CLERKENWELL

Epiphanytide Carol Service
& Benediction



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 10th January, 2021 at 4 o'clock

WELCOME TO HOLY REDEEMER THIS EVENING

WE are delighted to welcome you to to this afternoon's service. We extend our thanks to our Director of Music, Thomas Kell, and to our singers for enriching our worship this evening. Sadly the current restrictions mean we are unable to offer refreshments after the service. ❀

¶ *For reflection before the service*

From a Sermon of Pope Saint Leo the Great.

THE LOVING providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

A Service of Music and Readings for Epiphany

All stand when the bell rings.

THE INTRODUCTION

The Priest introduces the service saying,

MY brothers and sisters, as we rejoice in the Word made flesh, who comes among us to reveal God's glory, so we pray that his kingly reign may be acknowledged throughout the world. And so we pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, for the ministers of the gospel of Christ, and all for whom we bear witness. We pray for the world, which is already Christ's, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God. And we pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful, the anxious, for the sick and the bereaved, and all who have no one to pray for them.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us.

All **O**UR 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.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

MAY God our Father take us and use us in his service;
 may he open our eyes to see his glory,
 and equip us to bless his people, now and at all times.

All **Amen.**

All sit as the Organist plays a prelude.

All stand.

I THE WISE MEN

SENTENCE

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him;

All **All nations shall do him service.**

Psalm 72

COLLECT

O GOD, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

The Wise Men visit the Infant Christ

S. Matthew 2

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him

gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings AN ANTHEM.

All stand.

II THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

SENTENCE

A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

S. Matthew 3. 17

I will sprinkle clean water upon you

All **And you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.**

Ezekiel 36

COLLECT

ETERNAL FATHER, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE SECOND READING

Jesus is baptised by John the Baptist in the Jordan

S. Matthew 3

JESUS came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings AN ANTHEM.

All stand.

III THE WEDDING AT CANA

SENTENCE

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift,

All **From the spring of the water of life.**

Revelation 21

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE THIRD READING

Jesus changes water into wine at the Marriage at Cana

S. John 2

ON THE THIRD DAY there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, 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 steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings AN ANTHEM.

All stand.

They shall worship him who lives for ever and ever :
and shall cast their crowns before the throne.

All **They shall worship him who lives for ever and ever :
and shall cast their crowns before the throne.**

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to your dawning brightness.

All **And shall cast their crowns before the throne.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All **They shall worship him who lives for ever and ever :
and shall cast their crowns before the throne.**

THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who illuminated the darkness of our night, and made known to the Gentiles him who is the true light and bright morning star; fill, we beseech you, the world with your glory, and in your splendour reign among the peoples. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All kneel when the bell rings as the Blessed Sacrament is taken out of the Tabernacle. The Choir sings,

O SAVING Victim, opening wide
The gates of heaven
To man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend,
For evermore, blessed One in Three,
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee.
Amen.

All remain kneeling.

Priest **B**LESSED, praised, hallowed and adored be Our Lord Jesus Christ
upon his throne of glory;

All **And in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

The devotions conclude with this response, said three times:

Priest Most sacred heart of Jesus; *All* **Have mercy upon us.**

The Choir sings,

THEREFORE we before him bending
This great Sacrament revere.
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here.
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing
Who, from both, with both is one.
Amen.

Priest Thou gavest them bread from heaven;
All **Containing in itself all sweetness.**

Priest Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament
hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion:
Grant us, we beseech thee,
so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood,
that we may ever perceive within ourselves
the fruits of thy redemption;
who livest and reignest world without end.

All **Amen.**

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT *is given.*

The Divine Praises are said, the people repeating each petition after the Priest.

BLESSED BE GOD.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY