



The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, 28 January, 2024

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon Missioner
Canon James Lawrence

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is the
Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.



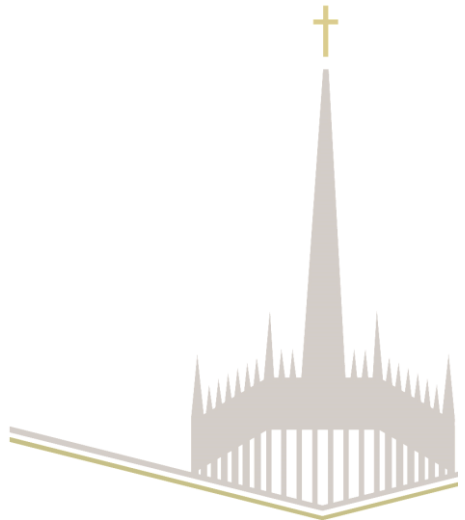
Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Deuteronomy 18.15-20)

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”



The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

RHUDDLAN 490



Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgement
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour:
cleave our darkness with thy sword:
feed the faint and hungry heathen
with the richness of thy word:
cleanse the body of this empire
through the glory of the Lord.

Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the celebration

The Prayers of Penitence

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The Magi followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

*The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone
and sung again after each section as indicated.*



Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



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.



The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please sit down.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Jane Hollins-Gibson

(Revelation 12.1-5a)

A reading from the book of Revelation.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

NOEL NOUVELET | 15



Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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The Gospel

(Mark 1.21-28)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Canon James Lawrence

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Linda Cronshaw

This response is used

**Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Those who are ill at home or in hospital,
Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Margaret Ingham, Margaret Young,
Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Jenny Bellamy.

and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Rene Mills (1), Mary Nolan (2)
[numbers are days of the month]

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand with the president for the peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*When offering a greeting please respect those who may wish to keep
their distance and not pass the peace physically.*

Please give what you prayerfully can in the collection basket. You may prefer to use the collection point on the way out or use the Parish Giving scheme which you can access using the QR code provided here. You can make a one-off payment either by name or anonymously and there is an option to Gift Aid your donation.



Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Offertory hymn

CRÜGER



Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854) Based on Psalm 72

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Everyone sings

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
Hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na
in the_ high - est. Bles- sed is he who comes in the name_ of the_
Lord. Ho - san- na, Ho - san- na, Ho - san- na in the_ high - est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them saying,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, saying, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve Mûsû, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

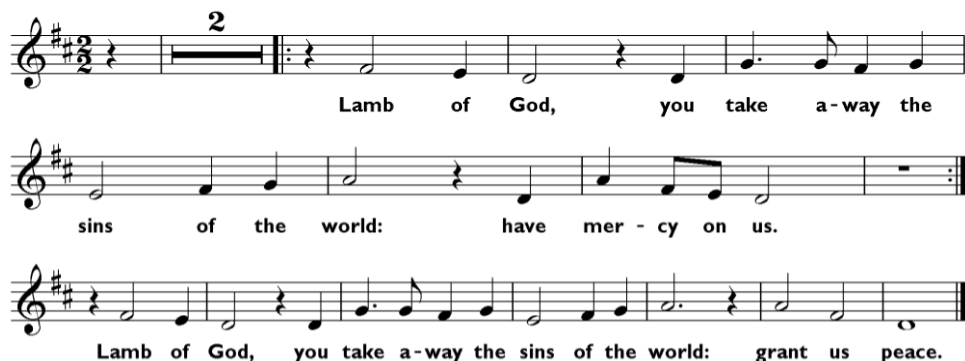
**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Everyone sings



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

When you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.

Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.

Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say

The body of Christ.
Amen.

After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the next minister before returning to your place.

The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ.
Amen.

If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second minister and return to your place.

The choir sings

“When he is King we will give him the King's gifts,
myrrh for its sweetness and gold for a crown,
beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph,
fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight -
winds for their spices, and star for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem Down.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave sheets,
Myrrh for embalming and wood for a crown,
he that lies now in the warm arms of Mary,
sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
close huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem Down.

Text Bruce Blunt (1899-1967), music by Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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

The Organ Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

*John Stanley (1712 – 1786)
arranged by Henry Coleman (1888 – 1965)
(Organist of St. Mary's Church, Blackburn 1912 – 1914)*

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service.

The president will leave immediately and may go outside at first.

Cathedral Flowers

Flowers today are given by Jill and David Kay in loving memory of David's parents Bill and Annie and his brothers Bill and Joe

Blackburn Foodbank in January

We are collecting **TINNED CUSTARD**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

Installation of Canon Precentor – Candlemas, Friday 2nd February.

Do come and worship with us this Friday evening when we welcome Jenny Gaffin as our new Precentor. We will also be installing three new Honorary Canons. The service will be followed by refreshments.

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