Saint Thomas's Church **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Sung Eucharist at 6:30 pm



The Adoration of the Magi, Fra Angelico, 1424

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PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

1. Given recent research, cloth masks on their own, unless worn with two disposable masks, provide insufficient protection. At all times, therefore, everyone in the church must wear an N95, KN95, or an acceptable equivalent mask. If you do not have one of these qualifying masks, the minimum acceptable coverage is two disposable medical face masks properly fitted. If you do not have an acceptable mask, two disposable masks will be issued to you at the door.

2. Congregational singing is still allowed, but we strongly recommend that you do so softly, if at all. Tuneful humming, such as when we are enjoying a piece of music on the radio, is fine; we want you to enjoy the music and to participate in it, but with this new variant that is several times more contagious than others, we can't encourage anything more than gentle singing behind your mask(s).

MUSIC OF THE MASS - Communion Service in B^b, Edward Bairstow

PRELUDE: Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie, Maurice Duruflé

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

Please kneel when the acolytes kneel.

HYMN 95 – Lo! the pilgrim magi *Linquunt tecta Magi principis urbis*

- Lo! the pilgrim magi Leave their royal halls, And with eager footsteps Speed to Bethlehem's walls; As they onward journey, Faith, which firmly rests, Built on hope unswerving, Triumphs in their breasts.
- 2 O what joy and gladness Filled each heart, from far When, to guide their footsteps, Shone that radiant star; O'er that home so holy, Pouring down its ray, Where the cradled Infant With his mother lay.

- Costly pomp and splendour Earthly kings array; He, a mightier Monarch, Hath a nobler sway; Straw may be his pallet, Mean his garb may be, Yet with power transcendent, He all hearts can free.
- 4 At his crib they worship Kneeling on the floor, And their God there present, In that Babe adore; To our God and Saviour We, as Gentiles true, Give our hearts o'erflowing, Give our tribute due:

At the Crib The kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents; **The kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst illuminate the darkness of our night, and make known unto the Gentiles him who is the true Light and the bright and Morning Star: Fill, we beseech thee, the world with thy glory, and show thyself by the radiance of that light unto all nations; through him our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Procession to the Altar

5 Bringing of our substance Gold unto our King; Pure and chastened bodies To our Christ we bring; Unto him, like incense, Vow and prayer address; So with meetest offerings, Him our God confess,

6 Glory to the Father, Fount of Light alone; Who unto the Gentiles, Made his glory known. Equal praise and glory, Blessèd Son, to thee, And to thee, blest Spirit, Evermore shall be.

WHITWORTH Walter MacNutt 1910-96 Former Organist & Choirmaster, 1954-1977 from the Latin of Charles Coffin (1736), Tr (1857) by John David Chambers

Please kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Cantor sings

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us. Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us. Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

All: and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Please remain standing for the Collect.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60.1-6

The First Lesson is written in the sixtieth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

PSALM 72.1-2,7-8, 10-13; Tone VIII, 2



- 1 Give the king thy judgements, O **God** : and thy righteousness un-to the king's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto **right** : and thy **poor** with jus-tice.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness **flour**-ish : vea, and abundance of peace, so long as the **moon** en-dur-eth.
- 8 Let his dominion also be from sea to **sea** : and from the River un-**to** the world's end.
- 10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give **pre**-sents : and the kings of Arabia and **Se**-ba bring gifts.
- 11 Let all kings fall down before **him** : and all nations **do** him ser-vice.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor when he **cri**-eth : the needy also, and him that **hath** no help-er.
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and the **need**-y : and shall preserve the **souls** of the poor.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3.1-12

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, beginning at the first verse.

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the

principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him.

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

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN - How vain the cruel Herod's fear

- How vain the cruel Herod's fear.
 When told that Christ the King is near! He takes not earthly realms away, Who gives the realms that ne'er decay.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far And followed on his guiding star; By light their way to Light they trod, And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heavenly Lamb in meekness stood, That he, to whom no sin was known, Might cleanse his people from their own.
- 4 And O what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine! He spake the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- 5 All glory, Jesu, be to thee For this thy glad Epiphany: Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost for evermore. Alleluia.

S^T VENANTIUS Rouen Church Melody 1728 From the Latin of Cælius Sedulius (c. 450) Tr. John M. Neale 1818-66

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2.1-12 The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse. Glory be to thee O Lord.

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 worshipped 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.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

People: the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*Kneel.*) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, (*Rise.*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

OFFERTORY HYMN 97 - As with gladness men of old

 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold, As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to thee.

2	As with joyful steps they sped,
	Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
	There to bend the knee before
	Thee whom heaven and earth adore;
	So may we with willing feet
	Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare At that cradle rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesu, every day Keep us in the narrow way; And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down; There for ever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860

DIX Conrad Kocher, 1838

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Please kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us join in offering our prayers and petitions before the Lord.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy **We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: All nations and people are gathered together before you in homage. We pray for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our Bishop, and for______ according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for______ according to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people, especially in this parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and Linda our Primate. May all who serve and minister to God's people be filled with joy at your appearing.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy **We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Kings are drawn to the brightness of your dawning. We pray for the Queen, and all in authority in this country, province, and city. May our leaders be led in the ways of justice and peace to serve the common good and all humanity.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy **We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: The Magi found the Holy Family and were blessed for their adoration unto them. We pray for God's blessings to lighten upon us, and we give thanks for all that God has given to us either silently or aloud_____. May we always be thankful for thy presence, and may we be a blessing and gift for all people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy **We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: The Light of God shines upon this world, and upon those who call upon his name. We pray for the sick______, and those suffering from the pandemic; for elders in isolation, for the lonely, the migrant and refugee, the oppressed, those who mourn, and for those whom our prayers are asked______. May God have pity upon all those in need.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy **We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: All are united before God at his appearing and in his eternity. We pray for all those who have died, especially for______ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for______; that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy **We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God, we rejoice that thou hast come near unto us in Jesus thy Son. May the light of the world shine within our hearts as we behold his presence from age to age. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Cantor sings:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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 them that 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 consecrated Bread is broken.

The peace of the Lord be always with you; And with thy spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

Celebrant: We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Cantor sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Silence before Act of Spiritual Communion

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesu, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come to thee, That with thy saints I may praise thee, For ever and ever. Amen.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

Μοτετ

A New Year Carol, Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with this happy New Year. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew... Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, etc...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please kneel.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN 93 - The people that in darkness sat

- The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen; The Light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail thee, Sun of righteousness, The gathering nations come; They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home.

- 3 For thou their burden dost remove, And break the tyrant's rod, As in the day when Midian fell Before the sword of God.
- 4 For unto us a Child is born, To us a Son is given, And on his shoulder ever rests All power in earth and heaven.
- 5 His Name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord, The Wonderful, the Counsellor, The God by all adored.
- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray, And make us thine alone, Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit One.

DUNDEE Melody from the Scottish Psalter 1615 as set in Ravenscroft's Psalter 1621 The cl Pslames, Edinburgh, 1615

POSTLUDE: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223, Dieterich Buxtehude