



## Holy Communion

Epiphany  
8 January 2023

*A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.*

*We ask that you do **not publish photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

*We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.*

### HYMN

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

*The hymn pauses. The president moves to the crib, blesses it and sprinkles it with holy water. The hymn continues.*

- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)*

## GREETING

Minister In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Minister Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

Minister The Lord of glory be with you.

All **The Lord bless you.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## CONFESSION

Minister The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

*cf Titus 2.11-14*

Minister God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

## GLORIA

Choir/All Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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.  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer:*

Minister Grateful for the glory revealed today  
through God made flesh,  
let us pray.

*The Collect is said:*

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **SECOND READING** Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **HYMN**

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

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

2 Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
king for ever, ceasing never  
over us all to reign:

3 Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, all men raising,  
worship him, God most high:

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

5 Glorious now behold him arise,  
king and God and sacrifice.  
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia';  
'Alleluia,' the earth replies:

*Edward John Hopkins (1818–1901)*

## **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2.1-12

**All/choir** Alleluia! [x8]

**Minister** Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
and believed in throughout the world.

**All/choir** Alleluia! [x8]

**Minister** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it

has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## **CREED**

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Let us worship the Saviour with joy,  
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
All hear our prayer.

*And at the end:*

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

*Silence is kept.*

## PEACE

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

*cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All And also with you.

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### HYMN

1 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.

2 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.

3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

4 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.

5 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,  
his changeless name of love.

*James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72*

## TABLE PRAYER

Minister Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people



joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Minister    The Lord is here.

**All**            **His spirit is with us.**

Minister    Lift up your hearts.

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

Minister    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All**            **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister    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 say our joyful hymn of praise:

**All/choir**    **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister    We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father,  
we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Minister Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

All            Amen.

*Silence may be kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister    Believing the promises of God,  
              as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All            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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Minister    We break the bread of life,  
              and that life is the light of the world.

All            God here among us,  
              light in the midst of us,  
              bring us to light and life.

All/choir    Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
              have mercy on us [x2].

              Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:  
              have mercy on us [x2].

              Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:  
              grant us your peace [x4].

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

## ANTHEM F. A. G. Ouseley: From the rising of the sun

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;  
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:  
for my name shall be great among the heathen,  
thus saith the Lord!

## HYMN

1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Chorus Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel!*

2 Then wise men from a country far  
looked up and saw a guiding star;  
they travelled on by night and day  
to reach the place where Jesus lay:

3 At Bethlehem they entered in,  
on bended knee they worshipped him;  
they offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

4 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
for Christ has our salvation wrought  
and with his blood our life has bought:

*Cornish carol, possibly 18th century adapted by Michael Perry (1942-1996)  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light

discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **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.**

## **NOTICES**

### **HYMN**

- 1      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 thy 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 Jesus, 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 (1837-1898)*

## **BLESSING**

Minister May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**All Amen.**

Minister May God,  
who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**All Amen.**

Minister May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts  
and fill our lives with his joy and peace.

**All Amen.**

Minister And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Minister We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to all the nations.

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** J. S. Bach: Toccata in C major

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Andrew E, Hilly S, Diana B.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C.

*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.*

## REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Glynnis Patrica Bourne, Annie May Cox, Charles Henry Fair, Angela McHugh, John Edward Benbow, Walter Armstrong, Emma Petrikat, Gordon Flex, Helen Rowlatt, Sarah Emma Barron, Mary Barbara Wren, Alan Mitchell, Gladys Kathleen Charlton, Chris Christison, Dorothy Charles, John Harwood, Septimus Orton, Maisie Blenkham, Diana Smith, Evelyn Tear, Gordon Kingham, Lilian Greig, Christine McAndrew, Michael Buck, Ruth McGraw, Brian McGraw, Winifred Ward, Millicent Campbell, Herbert Satterthwaite, Sybil Swindall, Robin Dunhill, Alan Sanders, Doris Ramsay, Christian Smalley.

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## DIARY

### Mon 9 Jan

### Tues 10 Jan

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
14:00-15:00	St Andrew's Hall	Tea @2

### Wed 11 Jan

9:00-9:45	All Saints	AS School worship
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist

### Thurs 12 Jan

#### **Aelred of Hexham**

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion

### Fri 13 Jan

#### **Hilary**

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:15-19:15	All Saints	AS choir practice
19:30-20:30	All Hallows	AH choir practice

### Sat 14 Jan

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

### Sun 15 Jan

#### **Epiphany 2**

9:15-10:30	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15-12:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-19:00	Zoom	Compline

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