

Benefice of Brighton, Saint Michael & All Angels and Saint Paul

The Parish Church of Saint Paul, Brighton

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Mass setting: *Haydn – Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo*



Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Penitential Act:

*After the choir sings the **Kyrie**, the Celebrant gives the **Absolution**.*

*The choir sings the **Gloria** in Latin. Please feel free to sit.*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill 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 sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins 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 Collect:

Let us pray.

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,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

First reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah :

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm : 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R: 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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

Second reading – Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians :

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The 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 also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. +

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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

The Homily – *followed by a moment of contemplation*

The Creed:

**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:
(all bow) 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.**

The Prayers of the Faithful - after each set of prayers we say:

Lord, hear us. Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who have died...

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

With the prayers of Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham:

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.**

The Priest concludes the prayers:

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

The Offertory:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation ... Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

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.

The priest sings the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all respond Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayers:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The priest sings the Preface, thanking God for His mighty works in creation and redemption. The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy...)

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died - Christ is risen - Christ will come again

The Lord's Prayer:

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 ... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Amen.

The Peace:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion:

All those baptised with water in the name of the Trinity, and who are communicant members of their own church, are very welcome to receive Holy Communion here. Otherwise, please come to the altar rail for a blessing, if you so wish (keeping your head bowed until blessed).

During the distribution of Holy Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God...) and the Communion Antiphon.

Prayer after Communion

The priest sings the prayer, to which all respond Amen.

Please sit while the notices are given.

The Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**
Go forth the mass has ended. **Thanks be to God.**

Angelus:

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail, Mary...

And the Word was made flesh; **And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary...**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech Thee, O LORD, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have
known the Incarnation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so
by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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NOTICES

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sunday **11.00am**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday **11.30am**

CALENDAR: 3rd – 10th January

Sunday 3 rd	The Epiphany of the Lord (<i>Our Parish</i>)
Monday 4 th	of Epiphany (<i>the NHS</i>)
Tuesday 5 th	of Epiphany (<i>the recently departed</i>)
Wednesday 6 th	of Epiphany (<i>S Paul's School</i>)
Thursday 7 th	S Raymond of Penyafort (<i>the Dominican Order</i>)
Friday 8 th	of Epiphany (<i>our churchwardens</i>)
Saturday 9 th	of Epiphany (<i>Walsingham</i>)
Sunday 10 th	The Baptism of the Lord (<i>Our Parish</i>)



INTERCESSIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Of special intention: Our care for one another in this time of uncertainty.

those who are sick, distressed, bereaved or in other need:

Roger Brasier; Fr Michael Bryant; Nicholas Clayton; Helena Cope;
Martin Curwain-Broad; John & Ruth Daniels; Dennis Davis; Susan Gale;
Joseph Garcia; Amy Gobey; Yvonne Harman; Caroline Jarvis; Christine Laurent;
Sophie Layard; Stephen Milton; Lisa Newlyn; Emma & Janette Pritchett;
Rupert Radcliffe-Genge; John Shepherd; Harry Speller; Hilary Thomas;
George Walter; Joan Watts; Lena Williams; Anne Wilson;

the long-term sick:

Matthew Charlesworth; Ivan Codrington; John Cole; John Fagan;
Derek, Dominic & Jonathan Harman; Jeanne Harvey; Adrian Haughton;
Hazel Hickman; Dagmar Huggett; Pamela James; Ann Jarrold; Alice Kelly-
Purnell; Swee Kim; Corinne Milner; Ann Norbury; Jackie Tilson;

for those whose year's mind falls this week:

Michael Kent (3 rd)	Matthew Shelley (7 th)
John Redman (5 th)	Jane Alice Hinton (8 th)
Evelyn Razzel	Lucy Bentley
Thomas William Sandys Collis, <i>Priest</i>	Edward Humphrey Essex
(6 th)	Thomas Bradfield
Emily Milner	Carmen Moore
Ivy Carrington Roland-Smith	Blanche Moothain (9 th)
Paul David Watson	John Cottam Reece
Georgina Lucia Candlish	

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