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THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON
SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021
EPIPHANY 3

ENTRANCE HYMN

I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
In love lad down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

Gordon Slater 1896-1979

Tune: St Botolph

Brian A. Wren b1936

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

The priest offers words of welcome and introduces the Eucharist

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Penitential Rite

Silence

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*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. Amen.*

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through 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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

REVELATION 19. 6-10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,
'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 128

R: May the Lord bless you all the days of your life.

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.
You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. **R:**

Your wife within your house
shall be like a fruitful vine;
your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.
Thus shall the one be blest
who fears the Lord. **R:**

The Lord from out of Zion bless you,
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.
May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel. **R:**

R: May the Lord bless you all the days of your life.

THE GOSPEL READING

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

JOHN 2. I-II

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars 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 chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward

tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Precentor

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Baptismal Creed

**I believe and trust in God the Father,
who created all that is.**

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy: *Or* Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

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

THE PEACE

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

Or another sentence may be used

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Father, Lord of all creation,
Ground of Being, Life and Love;
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is ev'ry hour's existence,
Sov'reign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
We, your people, make our prayer:
Help us love – as sisters, brothers –
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever
There your love the world may see.

Cyril Vincent Taylor 1907-1991

Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Stewart Cross 1928-1989

THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We pray you, Lord Jesus,
take the old water, our busy conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone who thirsts may see your life;
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (4)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks, holy Father,
all-powerful and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we celebrate the revelation of your glory
made manifest through the Word made flesh.
The wise men worshipped him as king of all the nations.
At the River Jordan you commanded us to listen to your beloved Son
as he emerged from the waters of baptism.
At Cana he revealed his power to restore the new creation in the water made wine.
You have anointed him as your Messiah,
Who brings hope and salvation to the world.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.
You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks
that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you,
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death,
rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence

In Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters of God,
and so we dare to pray:

**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 priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*As the priest receives Holy Communion, you may like to
pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Motet during Communion:

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

*Words: Pope innocent VI (1282 – 1362)
Music: Edward Elgar (1857 -1934)*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Enlightened by Christ and anointed by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one.

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