



THE SUNDAY SHEET
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9TH JANUARY 2022

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
An induction loop is provided. To use, please turn your hearing aid to T.*

***Gluten free wafers are available** for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks*

ENTRANCE HYMN

During the Hymn the Wise Men are placed in the Crib

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

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

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

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

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

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

Edward John Hopkins 1818-1901
Tune: Three Kings of Orient

THE COLLECT

Gracious God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.**

ISAIAH 60. 1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

We have seen his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

Alleluia.

MATTHEW 2. 1-12

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee who heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

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.

William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898

Tune: Dix

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

In the bleak mid-winter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter
long ago.

What can I give him
poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti 1830-1894

Tune: Cranham

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the timer 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 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.

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.

James Montgomery 1771-1854 based on Psalm 72
Tune: Crüger

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 60. 1-6

Isaiah speaks of God's glory arising among his people and the peoples of the earth coming to praise him.

EPHESIANS 3. 1-12

Paul speaks about the mystery of Christ which was formerly hidden but now has been made known, which allows the Gentiles to come close to God.

MATTHEW 2. 1-12

The wise men follow a star which leads them to Jesus.

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. Please take care to keep one another safe.

Locking up rota. If you are able help with locking up the church around 4pm on a few evenings in the week, please sign up on the rota at the back of church and check with the wardens which evenings are required.

Collection Envelopes for 2022 are now available. Please see Janet Cameron. If you are a regular worshipper here please consider giving by Gift Direct, a simple and easy way to give to the work of the Church. Details can be found on the Church in Wales website: www.churchinwales.org.uk Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

10th Monday – William Laud, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

11th Tuesday – Rhys Pritchard, William Williams & Isaac Williams

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

12th Wednesday – The Baptism of Christ

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

13th Thursday – Hilary, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

14th Friday – Kentigern, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

15th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

16th Sunday – Epiphany 2

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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