



## **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**11.00am**

**The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred)**

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Face coverings must be worn when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns. We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens. Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.*

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

*Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service*

**Organ Prelude: Präludium G-dur, BWV 541, i J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



Please stand to sing **HYMN 189\***:



**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 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*Tune: DIX from a chorale by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872) abridged by William Henry Monk (1823-89)*

**THE GREETING**

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

God who said, 'out of darkness light shall shine', has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:6 (REB)*

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PENITENCE**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand whilst the cantor sings the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnum gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu  
Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu  
solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
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.*

*Setting: Missa prima: sexti toni, Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O 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 our Lord. **Amen.**



## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



*Please sit for the* **EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that 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 to 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 to 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings* **PSALM 29:**

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord:  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name:  
worship the Lord with holy worship.  
It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters:  
it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.  
It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in  
operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.  
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees:  
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.  
He maketh them also to skip like a calf:  
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.  
The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord  
shaketh the wilderness:  
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.  
The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and  
discovereth the thick bushes:  
in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.  
The Lord sitteth above the water-flood:  
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.  
The Lord shall give strength unto his people:  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Tone VIII*

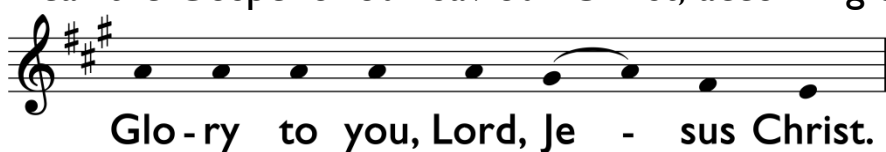
*Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:***



We observed his star at his rising: and have come to pay him homage. *Matthew 2:2*

*Please remain standing for **THE GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 2:1-12*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew.



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, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

**SERMON** by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

Please stand and face east to say the **NICENE 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, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of 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 PEOPLE**



*Please kneel or sit*

Today the wise men knelt before our Saviour. Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy, and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

Father, the wise men came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords: grant an abundance of peace to your world in lands torn by war, and hearts torn by violence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, the Holy Family shared the life of the people of Nazareth: protect in your mercy our neighbours and families, together with the whole community of which we are part. In silence we name before you those for whom we are especially concerned.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor: show your love for the poor and powerless, and strengthen all those who suffer.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, the wise men presented to your Son gold, incense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of wise men, shepherds and angels, and with all the saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Covid-19, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work in healthcare, the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

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

### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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.**

*Please stand*

### **THE PEACE**

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*

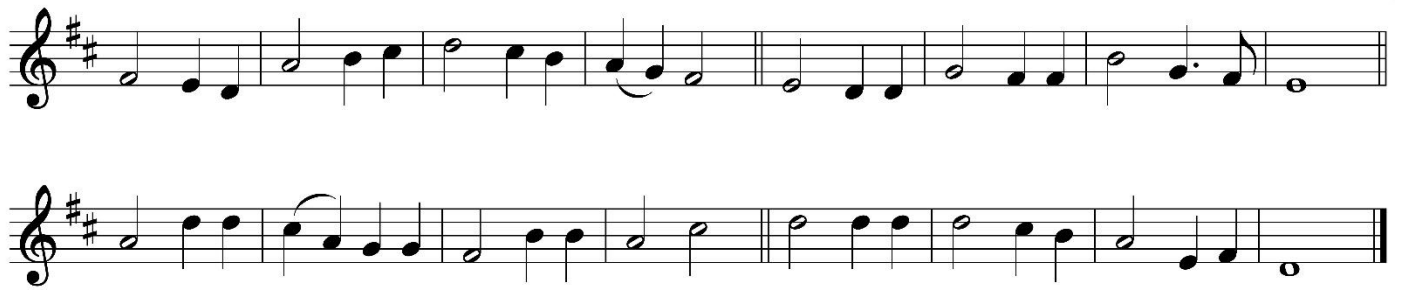
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please stand to sing* **HYMN 190\***:



**Brightest and best of the suns of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and come to our aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**What shall we give him, in costly devotion?  
Shall we bring incense and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**



**Vainly we offer each lavish oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure,  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the suns of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and come to our aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

*Words: Reginal Heber (1783-1826)  
Tune: EPIPHANY J.F. Thrupp (1827-67)*



## **CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**



*Please remain standing*

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

### **THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



The Lord\_\_\_ is here. His spi - rit is with\_\_\_ us.



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.\_

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

For Jesus Christ our Lord who in human likeness revealed your glory, to bring us out of darkness into the splendour of his light:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*The choir sings the* **SANCTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Lord God of Hosts.*

*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.*

*Setting: Missa prima: sexti toni, Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has 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 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please remain seated whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI**:*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

*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.*

*Setting: Missa prima: sexti toni, Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service*

**Organ music:** Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ BWV 604 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM**:*

*Tribus miraculis ornatum,  
diem sanctum colimus:  
Hodie stella Magos duxit  
ad praesepe:  
Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est  
ad nuptias:  
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne  
Christus baptizari voluit,  
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.*

*We observe this holy day,  
ornamented with three miracles:  
Today a star led the Magi  
to the manger;  
Today wine was made from water  
at the wedding;  
Today in the Jordan Christ desired to be  
baptised by John,  
so that He might save us, Alleluia.*

*Words: Magnificat antiphon for 2nd Vespers of Epiphany  
Setting: Luca Marenzio (1553-99)*

## THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection



## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 incarnate Son; who suffered, died, and was buried, and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 147\***:

Come and wor - ship  
Christ, the new - born King, Come  
and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King

**Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Come and worship  
Christ the new-born King,  
Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

Musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, G major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Come and worship Christ, the new-born King, Come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King".

**Sages, leave your contemplations,  
 brighter visions beam afar;  
 seek the great Desire of Nations;  
 ye have seen his natal star:**

***Come and worship  
 Christ the new-born King,  
 Come and worship,  
 Worship Christ, the new-born King.***

**Though an infant now we view him,  
 He shall fill his Father's throne,  
 gather all the nations to him,  
 every knee shall then bow down:**

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)*

*Tune: IRIS (LES ANGES DANS NOS CAMPAGNES) variant of Flemish or French carol melody harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## **THE BLESSING**

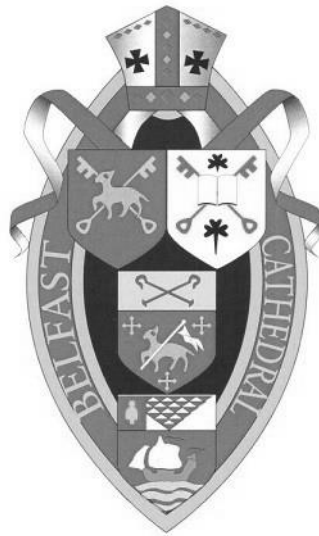
Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world:  
 and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be  
 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Postlude: Fugue G-dur, BWV 541,ii J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move  
Thank you*



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## NOTICES



**Please join us today at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong:**

*Ayleward Preces and Responses*  
(with Stone *The Lord's Prayer*)  
Psalm 48 (chant by Matthews)  
*Stanford Evening Service in B flat*  
*Mendelssohn When Jesus our Lord*

**Services Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022: The Second Sunday after  
The Epiphany**

11.00am Choral Eucharist  
*Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader*

3.30pm Choral Evensong:  
*Purcell A double verse*  
*Smith Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 82 (chant by Seivewright)  
*Ayleward Short Service*  
*Attwood O God, who by the leading of a star*  
*Blow A voluntary for cornet and echo*

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