



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



High Mass

The Epiphany

3rd January 2021 10am

Please turn off mobile phones

The Gathering

We **STAND** as the Organ plays and the Altar party enter

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

Amen.

The Greeting

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

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

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.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says the absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
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.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

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

The president says

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 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

Readings

We SIT for the readings.

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.

Isaiah 60.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R *All the nations shall call him blessed.*

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son,
that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor;
he shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him,
all the nations do him service. **R**

Long may he live,
may there be given to him gold from Arabia;

prayer be made for him always,
may they bless him all the day long. **R** From Psalm 72

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

Ephesians 3.1–12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

We **STAND** to say the acclamation, and **TURN** to face the gospel book.

Alleluia **Alleluia**, Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the na-tions and believed in throughout the world. **Alleluia**.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.

Matthew 2.1–12

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon
Fr Andrew Wilson
The Creed

We STAND.

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

**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

*We **KNEEL** or **SIT** to pray. The president introduces the prayers*

led by Tina Barber

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

This response is used

Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

At the end

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph
and all the faithful departed.
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*We **STAND**. The president introduces the Peace*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The following prayers are said

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**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 church.**

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 Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

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 sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.**

You are encouraged to kneel or sit.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary the Mother of God,

John the Evangelist, Alban the Martyr and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

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

The choir sing the Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The sacrament is distributed to you in your places following the words.

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We STAND

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.

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with 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.**

The Epiphany Proclamation

A minister says

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising, celebrated between the evening of the first day of April and the evening of the third day of April, Easter Day being on the fourth day of April.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Thursday the thirteenth day of May. Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the twenty-third of May. And, this year the first Sunday of Advent will be on the twenty-eighth day of November.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen

Notices are given and banns of marriage may be read.

The Blessing of Chalk (optional)

The president asks the people to raise their chalk and says

Our help is the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God,
Mary and Joseph welcomed the Magi into their home
to worship your beloved Son:
bless this chalk,

and grant that those who use it to bless their homes
may be protected from all evil
and filled with the light of Christ;
through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

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

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

The deacon says

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please take this booklet home with you.

The 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.

Let us pray.

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 Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop;
Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Tom Hurcombe, Patricia Rae, Sarita Brown Smedley, Patsy Younger,
Janet Jolaosho, Donovan Donaldson, Liz Woodhouse, Pat Parker,
James Delaney, Nathan Tulip, Celeste Prinsloo, Roy Rae,
Robbie Middleton, Christopher Love, Lorna Gautier, David Maitland,
Simon Gabe, Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper,
Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Janet Kempson, Philippa Pearce, Julie
Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou, Alan Driedger, June
McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen, and Poh Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Manuel Noel, Tyrell Shy, Alison O'Melia, Tony Croft,
Jeremy Westwood, Michael Gwinnell, Neville Prinsloo, Terry Paxton

Past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week

William Fox, Edith Scott, Judith Wallace, Elizabeth Davis, Ada Lloyd,
Miriam Goll, Winifred Voules, James Atkinson, Edith Crick, Bronwyn
Wheble, Sarah Cawthorn, Violet Bamber, Horace Caswall, Thomas
Whitmore, Eric Wheble, Rowland le Mare, Hebert Standring, Martha
Fisher, Emma Hewkley, Maria York, Emily Dott, Helen Morton,
Jimmy Stone.

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How to bless your home with chalk

Since the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi to Mary and Joseph's home, there is a tradition of blessing our homes at this time. Chalk is used to write the first letters of the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and the digits of the new year, separated by crosses:

20 + C + M + B + 21

It can be written in the following order, with the accompanying prayer:

*The three Wise Men,
C Caspar,
M Melchior,
B and Balthasar
followed the star of God's Son, who became human
20 two thousand
20 and twenty years ago.
++May Christ bless our home
++and remain with us throughout the new year.
Amen.*

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday 4th

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday 5th

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday 6th

10am Low Mass (*also on Zoom*)

Saturday 9th

10am Mass (also on Zoom)

Next Sunday, 10th January The Baptism of Christ

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am High Mass

5pm Said Evening Prayer

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