

^TS. JAMIES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

10:00am Sung Eucharist



Dream of the Magi by French sculptor Gislebertus,
Cathedral of St Lazare in Autun, France, 12th century .

Sunday 5th January

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of which we worship
—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

Please advise one of the Sidespersons if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. If necessary, you are welcome to sit for those parts of the liturgy when it is normal to stand.

Hymn 52

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Welcome

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Kyrie

Sung by the congregation and cantor together.



Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.



Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Deacon Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

A silence for self-examination follows.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Sung by the congregation and cantor together.

(organ)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:
may the brightness of your incarnate Word
pierce the night that covers the earth,
signal the dawn of justice and peace,
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading

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.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the cantor

*Cantor Give the King thy judgements, O God :
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right :
and defend the poor.
The mountains also shall bring peace :
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
He shall keep the simple folk by their right :
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth :
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool :
even as the drops that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish :
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents :
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him :
all nations shall do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth :
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
He shall be favourable to the simple and needy :
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong :
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.*

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.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 48

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Gospel Acclamation

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor We have seen his star in the East;
 and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2.1 - 12

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please be seated for the prayers. The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Hymn 55

Please stand. During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, using the tap machines in church, or via this QR Code.



Please remain standing.

Celebrant Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All Blessed be God for ever!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,

and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

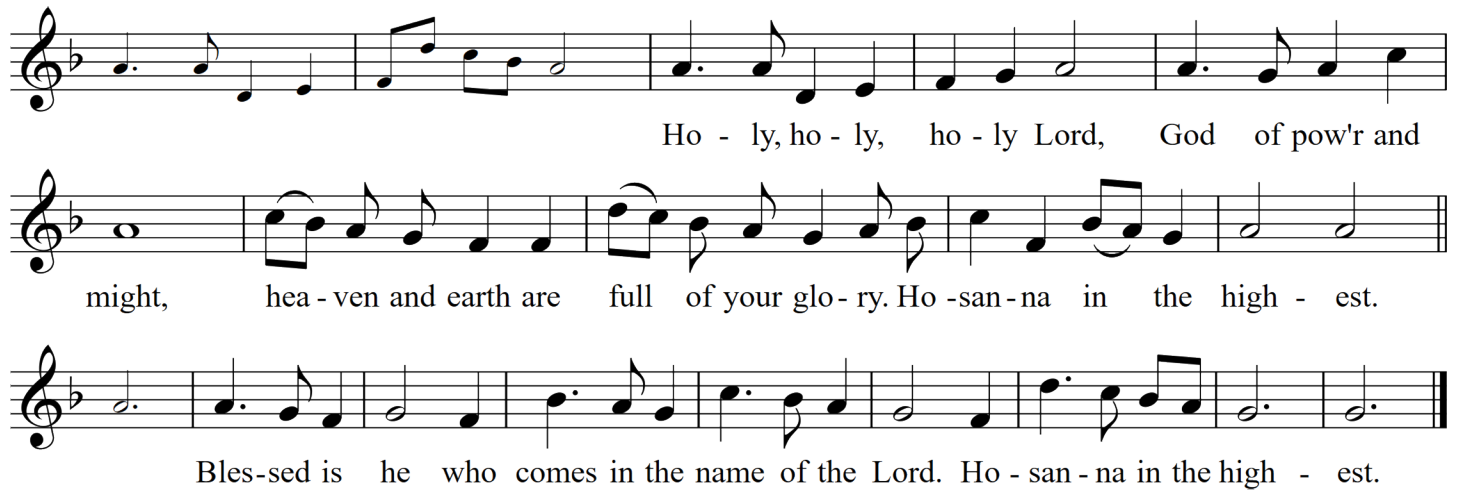
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.

This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ - is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

(organ)

Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are yours for
e - ver and e - ver. A - - - men.

The bell is rung and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:

Celebrant As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**All so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Deacon Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

Communion will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from all traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive

Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace.

*a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security. If you prefer not to receive from the chalice the nature of the Sacrament is such that it is acceptable to only receive the Host. **For health reasons intinction is not permitted.***

At the end of the Communion a silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

All **Most loving God,**
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Notices

Hymn 47

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant May Christ the Son of God 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 upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

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