

# **EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE**

## WITH

## HOLY COMMUNION



# SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AT 11.00AM

### Celebrant Fr Stephen Anderson

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#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** – Fr Stephen

Welcome to our Epiphany Carol Service. It is set out as a linked narrative of words and music to tell the story of our redemption through the birth and revelation (or Epiphany) of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The early Church highlighted three manifestations (or "epiphanies"): the Feast of The Epiphany itself: the recognition of the Christ Child by the Magi; the revealing of Jesus as God's beloved Son at his baptism in the Jordan, and the first of his signs at the wedding feast at Cana.

#### INTROIT

HYMN NEH 52 *O* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness <u>HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=LBEMXFkWCOE</u>



- O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness, High on his heart he will bear it for thee, Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

#### THE FIRST READING – read by Fr Stephen ST JOHN 1: 1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: Thomas Ravenscroft Remember, O thou man https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuNiCK\_M\_T8

- Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man. Remember, O thou man, Thy time is spent: Remember, O thou man How thou art dead and gone, And I did what I can, Therefore repent.
- The Angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man, The Angels all did sing, Upon the hill: The Angels all did sing Praise to our Heavenly King, And peace to man living, With a good will.

3. To Bethlem did they go, O thou man, O thou man, To Bethlem did they go, The shepherds three: To Bethlem did they go, To see where it were so, Whether Christ were born or no To set us free.



#### THE BIDDING PRAYER

based on a prayer used at St Thomas, Fifth Ave, NY

BELOVED in Christ, as we begin a new year of our Lord in this season of Epiphany, let us read and mark in the holy Gospels the stories of the revelation of Christ's glory, his manifestation to the Magi by the leading of a star, his baptism in the River Jordan, and his first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. And let us make this place resound in the beauty of holiness with our anthems and carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. And let us pray for the ministers of God's holy word and sacraments; for Justin our Archbishop and Stephen our Bishop, that they may minister faithfully and wisely as disciples of Christ; likewise, for all priests, deacons, laypeople, and religious, and more especially for the priest and people of this church and parish, that they may shine as lights in the world and in all things may confess Christ as our Saviour. Let us pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air. For all refugees, prisoners, and victims of warfare, violence, or discrimination, poverty, famine, and disaster. For all who are in sickness or sorrow. For all who through grief, trouble, or dread, or the near approach of death are especially in need our prayers. Let us also remember all those who have died recently. And now, let us sum up all our prayer and petitions in the words our Saviour Christ himself hath taught us.

#### (please unmute)

#### **O**UR Father

which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

#### (please mute)

**CAROL: arr. Cleobury** *Love came down at Christmas* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgqTXgnyK94</u>

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

#### THE SECOND READING – read by Colin Greenhalgh ISAIAH 60: 1–6

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

**CAROL:** Isaac Watts *Cradle Song* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9d1GwzEQTg</u>

#### THE THIRD READING – read by Tamara Sword ST LUKE 2: 8–20

ND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over Their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Thanks be to God.

**Carol: arr. Pettmann** *Sing Lullaby* (*The Infant King*) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lxxhfk56NA</u>

#### **THE FOURTH READING** – read by Graham Day **ST MATTHEW 1: 18–23**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL: Edmund Rubbra Dormi Jesu https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmFvvuFjatQ

# **THE FIFTH READING** – read by Adrian Dixon **ST MATTHEW 2: 1–12**

TOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **I** there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: arr. Martin Neary We Three Kings of Orient are https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlL8\_ydggxA

#### **HYMN NEH 39** Unto us a boy is born https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mod0EeoFG01

- Unto us is born a son,
  King of choirs supernal:
  See on earth his life begun,
  Of lords the Lord eternal.
- 2 Christ, from heav'n descending low, Comes on earth a stranger; Ox and ass their Owner know Now cradled in a manger.
- 3 This did Herod sore affray, And did him bewilder, So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer.
- 4 Of his love and mercy mild Hear the Christmas story: O that Mary's gentle Child Might lead us up to glory!
- 5 O and A and A and O, Cantemus in choro, Voice and organ, sing we so, Benedicamus Domino.

#### THE SIXTH READING – read by Lea Olson EPHESIANS 3: 1–12

**F**OR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Thanks be to God.

**Carol**: Harold Darke *In the bleak midwinter* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yb9tHjuy9Hw</u>

#### THE COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE EPIPHANY

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

OGOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE OFFERTORY

Michael Praetorius *Wie schön leuchtet der morgenstern* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3SDY3ngKfU

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Voll Gnad und Wahrheit von dem Herrn, Die süße Wurzel Jesse! Du Sohn Davids aus Jakobs Stamm, Mein König und mein Bräutigam, Hast mir mein Herz besessen, Lieblich, Freundlich, Schön und herrlich, groß und ehrlich, reich von Gaben, Hoch und sehr prächtig erhaben.

How beautifully the morning star shines, full of grace and truth from the Lord, the sweet branch of Jesse! You, the Son of David from the root of Jacob,my King and my bridegroom, have possessed my heart; loving, friendly,beautiful and glorious, great and noble, rich with gifts, exalted and most magnificently sublime.

William Byrd Reges Tharsis HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=EPXEOELL5N4

Reges Tharsis et insulae munera offerent, reges Arabum et Saba dona domino Deo adducent.

The kings of Tharsis and the isle offer their gifts, the kings of Arabia and Sheba bring gifts to the Lord God.

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

#### ▲ LMIGHTY God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE ABSOLUTION

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE SURSUM CORDA

THE Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS https://youtu.be/vMGTVek8otI

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to the the of the Lord most High. Amen. + Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy

Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.* **Amen.** 

#### AGNUS DEI

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tcWmUs3G\_g&feature=youtu.be

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

#### THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The form of prayer below offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for their communion with him, particularly at times when they would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist. The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. We make our Spiritual Communion saying these prayers.

COME Lord Jesus, dwell in us and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence.

Amen.

MOST loving God, we heartedly thank thee that in the holy mystery of this sacrament thou dost refresh and strengthen us with the Body and Blood of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Although we cannot now receive Him in His outward forms of bread and wine, we desire to receive Him spiritually into our hearts and be united with Him and the whole company of heaven, who livest and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

**F**OR the beauty of this worship, for the presence of Christ, for the memorial of his passion, for communion with thy saints, for this heavenly food, for Christ in us the hope of glory, we praise and bless thy holy name; beseeching thee that we may so reverently treasure and so diligently use the grace of each communion, that we may grow in the knowledge and love of thee, and of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

#### **Peter Warlock** *Bethlehem Down* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52b5ntrop3U</u>

When He is King we will give him the King's gifts, Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown, Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold, Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets, Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown, He that lies now in the white arms of Mary Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming, Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold, Mary for love, and for lullaby music Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

#### THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

#### THE GLORIA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfehclNCRbk (21'17'')

GLORY be to God on high and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

#### **Hymn NEH 55:** *Hail to the Lord's anointed* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJcuKB93wco</u>

- Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time 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 comes with succour speedy To those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing; Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
- He shall come down like showers1 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.
- 4. Kings shall fall down before Him, And gold and incense bring, All nations shall adore Him, His praise the people sing. To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend, His kingdom still increasing A kingdom without end.
- O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest; From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest: The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand for ever, His changeless name of Love.

