



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
EPIPHANY 4  
29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.  
An induction loop is provided.*

*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

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 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.

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.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854  
Tune: Cruger*

## THE COLLECT

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of 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.**

## I CORINTHIANS I. 18-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Alleluia . . . .*

*Donald Fishel b. 1950  
Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

## JOHN 2. I-II

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy Word.  
May we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

*Christopher Wordsworth 1807-1885*

*Tune: St Edmund*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God,  
whose glory was revealed to the world  
in the life of your Son Jesus Christ:  
make his life known to us in this most holy Sacrament  
and grant that our lives in the world  
may reflect his glory;  
who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

As man and woman we were made  
that love be found and life begun:  
the likeness of the living God,  
unique, yet called to live as one.  
Through joy or sadness, calm or strife,  
come, praise the love that gives us life.

Now Jesus lived and gave his love  
to make our life and loving new,  
so celebrate with him today  
and drink the joy he offers you  
that makes a simple moment shine  
and changes water into wine.

*Brian Wren b.1936*

*Tune: Sussex Carol*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice. Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful men and true. Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then. Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same;  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim. Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole Church at last be one. Alleluia!

*George Kennedy Allen Bell 1883-1958*

*Tune: Vulpius*

## NOTICES

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Foodbank.** The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,*

*Who alone brings growth to your Church,*

*Send your Holy Spirit to give*

*Vision to our planning,*

*Wisdom to our actions,*

*Joy to our worship,*

*And power to our witness.*

*Help our church to grow in numbers,*

*In spiritual commitment to you,*

*And in service to our local community,*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**An Epiphany Carol Service** to mark the end of the Christmas/Epiphany Season of Light will take place at the Cathedral on today at 3.30pm. A warm welcome to all!

**Walsingham Pilgrimage.** Our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to Fr Rex as soon as possible.

**Mission Area Prayer Group** on Thursday, 2nd February at 11 am in the north transept of the cathedral.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 30<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Bridget, Abbess

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – The Presentation of Christ (Candlemass)

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

11am Prayer Group

5pm Evening Prayer

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Seiriol, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Eucharist for Candlemass

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Manche Masemola, Martyr

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Eucharist

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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