

ST MARY DE CASTRO: SUNG MASS ON SUNDAY 5 JANUARY
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to St Mary's. If you are a baptized member of the Church of England, or of any other Church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, you are very welcome to receive communion this morning. If you do not wish to take communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

THE PREPARATION

The organ will start to play from five minutes before the start of the service. During this time the following may help members of the congregation with their preparation.

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.

*Pope Benedict XVI, from **Deus Caritas Est** (Dec 2005), quoted by Pope Francis in **Evangelii Gaudium** (2013)*

INTROIT HYMN

At the entry of the Altar Party all STAND and sing the Introit Hymn. If you are able, please remain standing until the first reading.

NEH 47

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| 1. 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 God, may we
Evermore be led to thee. | 4. 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. |
| 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat. | 5. 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
Alleluyas to our King. |
| 3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger 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. | |

THE GREETING

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament, let us call to mind
and confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (SUNG)

All Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

(Lord, have mercy.)
(Christ, have mercy.)
(Lord, have mercy.)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)

Priest Glory be to God on high,
All 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,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand 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 COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.
O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of
thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

SIT

A reading from the first book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 60. 1-6)

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (SUNG)

Psalms 72. 10-15

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 be- | fore 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 pre- | serve the | souls of the | poor.

He shall deliver their souls from | falsehood and | wrong : and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the | gold of A- | rabia : prayer shall be made ever unto him, and | daily shall | he be | praised.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 3. 1-12)

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.

All Thanks be to God.

STAND**NEH 49**

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| <p>1. BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.</p> <p>2. Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.</p> <p>3. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?</p> | <p>4. Vainly we offer each ample 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.</p> <p>5. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.</p> |
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THE GOSPEL

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (**Matthew 2. 1-12**)

All ✠ **Glory be to thee, 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.

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SIT

A homily may be preached.

THE NICENE CREED (SUNG)

STAND

Priest I believe in one God,

All the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven, *(Genuflect or bow)*
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, (Stand)

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

After each intention the following responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Priest Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

STAND

This, or another suitable preface to the peace is said:

Priest Christ is our peace,
he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY


During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented in the Collection.

NEH 52

1. 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.

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4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5. 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!

As each element is received the following may be said:

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee,
which earth hath given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all reply: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

REMAIN STANDING

The Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Preface

Priest 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,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

A Proper Preface may be used when appropriate. The priest then concludes with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

All *(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

KNEEL OR SIT

The priest recites the Eucharistic prayer. A bell signals the elevation of the consecrated bread and wine, at which all may make the sign of the cross.

After the elevation of the consecrated wine, the following acclamation is said:

Priest Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with:

by whom and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Priest As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (SUNG)

All 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.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest invites the people to communion:

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Communion is administered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you do not wish to receive wine from the common cup, please leave the altar rail immediately after you have consumed the bread. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the consecrated wine) is not permitted.

Words of distribution are used to which the communicant replies: Amen.

During the giving of communion the choir will sing the following carol.

The Three Kings

1. THREE kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may
be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

2. The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold incense, myrrh are their offering.

3. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King,
Offer thy heart!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

O Lord our God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: grant that we, who with the wise men have been drawn by thy light, may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest Almighty God,

All **we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE CHALK

STAND

Priest Our help is in the name of the Lord

All **who made heaven and earth.**

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Bless, ✠ O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN

NEH 292

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| 1. JESU, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again. | 4. Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast. |
| 2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
Thou savest those that on thee call,
To them that seek thee thou art good,
To them that find thee, all in all. | 5. O Jesu, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light. |
| 3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill. | |

THE DISMISSAL

Priest The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

Priest The blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

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

THE ANGELUS (SUNG)

Priest The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary
All and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Priest Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
All Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Priest Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
All Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

Priest (*Genuflect or bow*) And the Word was made flesh:
All and dwelt among us. (*Stand*)

Hail Mary...

Priest Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
All that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest Pour forth thy grace into our hearts, we beseech thee, O Lord,
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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

*After the Angelus, the altar party will process to the main doors to offer the Epiphany Blessing.
On each door will be inscribed:*

20 + C + M + B + 25

The numbers represent the year (2025). The letters represent both the names the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", which is Latin for "May Christ Bless this House".

Priest May all who come to this House of God this year rejoice
to find Christ living among us;
and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet,
that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest God of heaven and earth,
You revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.
Bless this House of Prayer and Praise and all who seek you here.
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Priest Loving God, bless this household of faith.
May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness,
and abiding in your will.
We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Please see overleaf for instructions on blessing your own Home.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 25

while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human over two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home.

With time the chalk will fade.

As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedictat, "May Christ bless the house."