

**ST MARY DE CASTRO: SUNG MASS ON SUNDAY 26 JANUARY**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**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 49**

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.
  
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.
  
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?
  
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.

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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.

## 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.  
Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of thy saving presence:  
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by thy mighty power;  
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 book of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10)**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

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And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM (SUNG)

### Psalm 19. 1-6

The heavens declare the | glory of | God : and the | firma-ment | sheweth his | handy-work.  
One day | telleth an- | other : and one night | certi | fieth an- | other.  
There is neither | speech nor | language : but their | voices are | heard a- | mong them.  
Their sound is gone out into | all | lands : and their | words in-to the | ends of the | world.  
In them hath he set a tabernacle | for the | sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,  
and rejoiceth as a | giant to | run his | course.  
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the | end of it a- | gain :  
and there is nothing | hid from the | heat there- | of.

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a)**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**STAND****NEH 57**

1. THE race that long in darkness pined  
Have seen a glorious light;  
The people dwell in day, who dwelt  
In death's surrounding night.
2. To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,  
The gathering nations come,  
Joyous as when the reapers bear  
The harvest-treasures home.
3. To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is given;  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
Him all the hosts of heaven.
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
For evermore adored;  
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
The great and mighty Lord.
5. His power increasing still shall spread;  
His reign no end shall know:  
Justice shall guard his throne above,  
And peace abound below.

## THE GOSPEL

**Priest** The Lord be with you

**All** and with thy spirit.

**Priest** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 4. 14-21)

**All** ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**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 worshippèd 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 56**

1. 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 address,  
God in Man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding-guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

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3. Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

5. 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.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.

*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.*



**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 hymn. Members of the congregation are invited to join in if they wish.*

### NEH 306

1. STRENGTHEN for service, Lord, the hands  
That holy things have taken;  
Let ears that now have heard thy songs  
To clamour never waken.
2. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
Keep free from all deceiving;  
The eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
Thy blessed hope perceiving.
3. The feet that tread thy holy courts  
From light do thou not banish;  
The bodies by thy Body fed  
With thy new life replenish.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

#### ***KNEEL OR SIT***

**Priest** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that thy people, illumined by thy word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

**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.

### POST COMMUNION HYMN

#### ***STAND***

### NEH 280

1. DECK thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendour,  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.
2. Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth;  
At thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, thy glory, given.

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3. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
Let me gladly here obey thee;  
Never to my hurt invited,  
Be thy love with love requited:  
From this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
Through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
As thy guest in heaven receive me.

## 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.**