

***Parish Church of St Peter,
Jersey***



***Newsletter 92 for the
Feast of the Epiphany
(Sunday Observance)
02 Jan 2022
At 0800 and 0930***

+ Order of Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

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Opening Hymn: 42 – As with gladness

As With Gladness

**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 Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee!**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Thy lowly bed;
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore.
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
At the cradle, rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sins alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, 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.**

**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
Hallelujahs to our King!**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen

*The Priest pronounces **The Absolution:***

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. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis:

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Epiphany:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through 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**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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. (pause)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 3:1-12

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery^[b] was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to make everyone see^[c] what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in^[d] God who created all things; ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. (pause)

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Gradual Carol: 78 – Brightest and Best

1. **Brightest and best of the suns 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 dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!**

3. **Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and off'rings 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 favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

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.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mathew
Glory to you, O Lord.

St Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him,

'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "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.”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.’ ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *(pause)*

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

The Sermon

The Intercessions

These are not printed out, so enjoy listening to the prayers for loved ones and make these prayers your own to God. The prayers end with:

And so we join our prayers to those of blessed Mary and all the Saints’ as we say: Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you**
(then, when the priest asks you to do so, give everyone a wave and a smile)

68 – We three kings

**We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

Refrain:

***O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. *[Refrain]*

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high. *[Refrain]*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. *[Refrain]*

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. *[Refrain]*

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you	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 thanks and praise	

*The priest then says the Proper preface, at the climax of which, all join in by singing **The Sanctus:***

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed + is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest begins the **Prayer of Consecration**, in the middle of which he says:*

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

*The priest then completes the prayer, at the end of which all say: **Amen***

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

The Fraction:

We brake this bread to share in the body of Christ
For we who are many are one body because we all share in the one bread

The Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The call to Holy Communion:

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

+ All receive Communion (Bread only).

Post Communion Carol: 244 - Hail to the Lord's anointed;

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 transgressions,
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 turned to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

By such shall He be fearèd
while sun and moon endure;
Beloved, obeyed, reverèd;
for He shall judge the poor
Through changing generations,
with justice, mercy, truth,
While stars maintain their stations,
or moons renew their youth.

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.

Post Communion Collect:

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

'Thank you' prayer after receiving Communion:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing & Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Concluding Hymn: 49 – Angels from the realms of glory

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth!**

***Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.***

**2 Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with us is now residing:
see, there shines the infant light! *[Refrain]***

**3 Wise men, leave your contemplations!
brighter visions shine afar;
seek in him the hope of nations,
you have seen his rising star: *[Refrain]***

**4 Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down: *[Refrain]***

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Norman & Rozelle Alexander; Samantha Buckingham; Anne Corbet; Ed; Elis; Jo English; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Val Hammett; Gerald Harrison; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jay; Jack Johns; Jimmy; Fr Tony Keogh; Stephan Mauger; David Payne; Norman Perree; John Le Riche; Riley; John Le Sueur.

Next Sunday:

9 Jan PLOUGH SUNDAY

0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass with the Blessing of the Plough

**TEAM for 02 & 09 Jan 2022 please see the new rota on line or at the back of the Church
NB - Please note that on 02 Jan the Sung Mass is at 0930 not 1030: this is a 'one off'.**

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