



St John the Evangelist, Dee Why

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

3 January 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Please turn off mobile phones.

If at home, please participate in the [streamed service](#) for this Sunday, using [this order of service](#).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *NEH 48*

- 1 **Bethlehem, of noblest cities**
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.
- 2 **Fairer than the sun at morning**
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.
- 3 **By its lambent beauty guided**
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.
- 4 **Solemn things of mystic meaning:**
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
- 5 **Holy Jesu, in thy brightness**
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid. **Amen.**

Latin, Prudentius 348–410
tr. Edward Caswell 1814–78

INTRODUCTORY RITES

✠ 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.

The Priest may introduce the Liturgy.

PENITENTIAL RITE

This prayer of preparation may be said.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Deacon invites the people to recall their sins.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest pronounces the Absolution.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *SIT when sung by cantors*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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

(Readers please wait until the Collect is concluded)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-6* *SIT*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13. R̥v. 11*

R̥ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1 O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

R̥ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2 In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

R̥ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

3 The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

R̥ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

4 For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

R̥ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

THE SECOND READING *Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE *STAND*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod

heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow:)* was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

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At the conclusion:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange the greeting of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

- 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!

J.S.B. Monsell 1811–75

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

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy
Church.**

The Priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

The Priest continues with the Preface, after which is sung:

**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.**

KNEEL

The Priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

*After the Words of Institution, when he has replaced the
chalice on the altar and genuflected, the Priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with these words:

. . . in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in
heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously
grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your
mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from
all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the
coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As he begins to break the Bread, the Priest says:

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one Bread.

**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 your peace.**

The Priest then invites the people to Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away
the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and my
soul shall be healed.**

*Those who are to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing come
forward. At home, please make an act of spiritual communion.*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into
my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

STAND

The Priest says the Post-Communion prayer

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Priest gives the blessing and all respond: Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN *NEH 47*

- 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 Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.**
- 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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

William Chatterton Dix 1837–98

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A Prayer Book for Australia, Broughton Books, 1995
The New English Hymnal, Canterbury Press, 1986
Together in Song, HarperCollins 1999

This Sunday

**10:00am Solemn Eucharist
live-streamed on our website**

(watch live or at any time after it is uploaded)



FROM THE RECTOR

3 January 2021

Dear Friends,

How many had a presentiment about this King of the Jews? Only the Magi undertook the journey and followed it through to the end, their human learning and wisdom giving way to the revealed scriptures as they consult the scribes, and so enter a final stage of recognition and faith.

But like sleeping watchmen the Jewish scribes themselves let the deposit of the living Truth become a withered fruit in their hands. Herod, feeling threatened, hatches a murderous plot.

But God watches keenly over all who follow the star.

With every blessing,

Fr Steven

Parish News

Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare for and took part in the offering of our online Christmas liturgies. Special thanks to the choir, Music Director and servers.

Please pray for our civil leaders, especially our Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Health and local MP Brad Hazzard, as they oversee the measures to deal with the current Covid-19 crisis on the Northern Beaches.

Christmas Bowl: Assuming we are able to gather, and if you have yet to do so, please hand in your envelope **next Sunday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (10 January)** as your gift for Jesus in the poor. *Alternatively, you can send your donation directly to the Christmas Bowl Appeal*

(<https://gifts.actforpeace.org.au/collections/christmas-bowl-gifts>)

Happy Birthday: Bob Morgan (8th)

Happy Wedding Anniversary: Bob and Ailsa Morgan (5th), Joan and Howard Butler (9th)

Weekly Offerings: Regular weekly giving is vital for the mission and ministry of St John's to continue in the current crisis. A convenient way to do this is do make a direct debit from your bank account weekly or monthly—whatever suits you.

*If this is your preference our bank details are: **BSB: 032094 ACCOUNT: 810026***

St John's Anglican Church acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to all Aboriginal people, and to their families past and present.

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Coronavirus Crisis

No Public Services at St John's

Once again we find ourselves under lockdown and restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 infection cluster on the Northern Beaches.

As a parish in the Catholic Tradition, the celebration of the Eucharist is the central focus of our identity as Christians and our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Not to worship together and to receive the Sacraments of the Church is counter to all we stand for. However, we understand the desire of the Government to maintain safe social distancing at this time.

We must therefore comply with lawful directives and regretfully have cancelled all public services until further notice.

We are continuing to live-stream the **Sunday Mass celebrated at St John's** (without the public) on our website

www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au,

as well as our parish Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAnglicanChurchDeeWhy>.

We hope you will use this and participate fully in the worship at home, making a Spiritual Communion.

We are once again putting in place processes and strategies that will ensure that our parish family are kept in touch with and cared for during this testing time. Please feel free to contact Father Steven, the office, or any of the clergy, wardens, or ministry team if you have any questions or concerns. We will be making sure in due course that sacramental ministry is available to our people in spite of being unable to meet in public worship.

Please pray for the Archbishop, our civic leaders and the parish.

With every blessing,

Father Steven

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST JOHN'S

Although we cannot gather for public worship, the Mass is being offered each day (except Tuesdays) by Father Steven, as well as the daily offices of the Church.

You may like to **pray at home** at these times, making a **Spiritual Communion**.

Mon	4 Jan	12noon	Holy Eucharist
Tue	5 Jan	<i>No service today</i>	
Wed	6 Jan	10:00am <i>5:30-7:30pm</i>	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers <i>Street Mission: Wednesday Night Café (Takeaway only)</i>
Thu	7 Jan	12noon	Holy Eucharist
Fri	8 Jan	9:00am	Holy Eucharist

5:30pm No Sacrament of Reconciliation this Friday <i>(A priest is normally available in the church for Confessions from 5:30pm to 6:00pm or contact Fr Steven for other times)</i>

Sat	9 Jan	9:00am	Holy Eucharist
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Sun	10 Jan	BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>(If we are once again able to meet, otherwise the same as this Sunday)</i>	
	8:00am	Holy Eucharist	
	10:00am	Family Eucharist with Godly Play <i>streamed on our website and Facebook page</i>	
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer (Vespers) <i>in the chapel</i>	

COMING EVENTS

Sun 10 Jan **Baptism of the Lord**

Tue 2 Feb **Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)** – 12noon Mass

Sat 6 Feb **Op Shop**

For more information please visit our website www.stjohnsdeewhy.org.au