

# The Feast of the Epiphany

3 January 2021

10:00am



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

Prelude: *Interlude on Coventry Carol*, W.S. Lloyd-Webber

Setting: *Merbecke*

## Gathering Hymn:

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!

*Was Lebet*

Melody from Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt, 1754

J. S. B. Monsell 1811-1875

## The Gathering of the Community

*The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Then may be said by the celebrant alone or with the people,*

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

## The Summary of the Law

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## Kyrie

*Chorister* Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Chorister* Glory be to God on high,  
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, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin 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 of the Day

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## The Readings

*Reader* A reading from the Book of 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.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 72:1-14** *Deus, iudicium.*

GIVE the king thy judgements, O God, / and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, / and thy poor with justice.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, / and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, / save the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 HE shall live as long as the sun, / and while the moon endureth, from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, / even as the showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish; / yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 LET his dominion also be from sea to sea, / and from the River unto the world's end.

9 Let them that dwell in the wilderness kneel before him; / and let his enemies lick the dust.

10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents, / and the kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.

11 Let all kings fall down before him, / and all nations do him service.

12 FOR he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; / the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and the needy, / and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; / and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that 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 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 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.

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

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.

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.

*Dix*

W. Chatterton Dix 1837-98

Abridged from a Chorale by Conrad Kocher, 1766-  
1872 by W.H. Monk 1823-99

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People* **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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ

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

## The Journey of the Magi

A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey;  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'  
And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

And this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,

But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad for another death.

## **Sermon – The Venerable David Selzer**

### **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, 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 the 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;  
through whom all things were made:  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

## The Peace

*The presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

*People*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Coventry Carol

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny Child,  
By, by, lully, lullay.  
Thou little tiny Child,  
By, bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do,  
For to preserve this day  
This poor youngling for whom we do sing  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

Herod, the king, in his raging,  
Charged he hath this day  
His men of might, in his own sight,  
All children young to slay.

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee!  
And ever mourn and sigh,  
For thy parting neither say nor sing,  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15<sup>th</sup> century

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.**

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

*The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,*

*Leader*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Noël Suisse*, Daquin

**Interim Dean: The Ven. David Selzer**  
**Interim Director of Music: Brad Barbeau**

**Prayer List:** The Very Rev Sharon Murdoch, The Rev Don Goodwin, Collin Stewart, Lynn Moore, John Bate, Dee Padfield, Kathy Anderson, Anne Kirkpatrick, John Weatherall, Sandy, Jason, Allie and Dev Kauenhofen, Paul Robertson, Richard, Brian English, Sue Kilpatrick, Steven Hurd and Jenn Hurd, Ayda Mora, Danielle Clarke; the family of the late Helen Bronskill.

**The flowers for decoration in St. George's Cathedral have been given to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones**

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for St. George's Projects Group, MaryAnn Steen, Jean Wilson coordinators, and all team members; and we pray for the following households: Helen Channen, Don and Elspeth Christie, Eleanor Christopherson, Verna Clancy, and their families.

**Readings for Sunday January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord**

**10:00am worship service via YouTube**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

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*The flowers throughout the Cathedral  
are given in loving memory of:*

George & Flo Youmatoff, Helen Owen and Margot Bruce, from the Bruce family

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In gratitude for all who have made Christmas services happen (Anonymous)