

All Saints Kingston

Sunday 10 January 2021 – Epiphany of The Lord
(live and streamed service from the Church)

Please: see the notices at the end, note that this service is filmed and broadcast on YouTube

Please remember: to keep distance, use the sanitiser and wear a mask when in the church

*The setting of the mass today is **Missa Orbis Factor***

A hymn is played

Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear
Because the Christ is come so near?
He who doth heavenly kingdoms grant
Thine earthly realm can never want.

The Lamb of God is manifest
Again in Jordan's water blest,
And he who sin had never known
By washing hath our sins undone.

Lo, sages from the East are gone
To where the star hath newly shone:
Led on by light to Light they press,
And by their gifts their God confess.

Yet he that ruleth everything
Can change the nature of the spring,
And gives at Cana this for sign—
The water reddens into wine.

Then glory, Lord, to thee we pay
For thine Epiphany to-day;
All glory through eternity
To Father, Son, and Spirit be. Amen.

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.

**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 minister invites everyone to recall their shortcomings.

After a few moments we say together the prayer of confession.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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. Lord have mercy.

The Gloria

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 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, 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

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

The Old Testament reading

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. **Isaiah 60: 1-6**

The New Testament reading

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. **Ephesians 3:1-12**

A responsorial psalm: Psalm 71

R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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.

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.

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

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.

The Gospel is announced

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
All Glory to you, 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. **Matthew 2: 1-12**

At the end of the reading:

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

The Creed:

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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.**

Intercessions

During the prayers this response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

and at the end:

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
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Holy Communion

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 says the first part of the eucharistic prayer and then we say:

**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!**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Sit or kneel for 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread with the words:

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

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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We say together the prayer of Spiritual Reception:

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me
and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.**

**As the hem of your garment,
touched in faith,**

**healed the woman in the gospel,
so may I be healed.**

**Although I cannot receive you in the sacrament,
I can through this offering of my prayer,**

receive you in my heart;

grant this for Christ's sake. Amen

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us

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Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace

The Motet – Eccard ‘When to the temple Mary went’

When to the temple Mary went,
And brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see,
As it had been revealed.

He took up Jesus in his arms
And blessing God he said:

In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord,
That we may ever be

As once the faithful Simeon was,
Rejoicing but in Thee;
And when we must from earth departure take,
May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

The priest prays the post communion prayer:

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

Then we say together:

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Hymn is played

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!

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.

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.

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.

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Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

The Blessing after which the minister says:

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

NOTICES

Streamed services for now

We've learnt a little more about why communal worship is being allowed in England even though the clear advice is for everyone to stay at home. The spiritual and moral support which churches can offer, alongside the awareness that churches have been very effective in mitigating against the risks of the virus spreading (only 47 cases traced to churches throughout the whole country), have meant that local decisions about what is appropriate could be allowed. In our context, as you know, we think that the safe and responsible thing is to hold our main service online, provide another simple act of worship for children and families through our Youtube site and suspend our other services (including our midweek Holy Communion) until the situation changes. We will continue to do our very best to keep the church open for people to call in and visit (currently between 11am and 3pm) but we will review this if we find we are not able to staff it safely. We will review this position and make changes to it if we believe that circumstances change but it seems likely, at this stage, that we will be as we are until mid February at least.

Coffee by Zoom

Will continue with a meeting after church on Sundays (contact Hilary English on english@care4free.net) and there are also meetings on Thursday at 10.30am (contact Jennifer Pearce on jennifer.pearce2010@gmail.com) and Friday at 10.30am (contact Mary Mundy on mundymary@icloud.com). *Everyone is very welcome.*

Christian Aid Committee

After a very good spell of service on the Christian Aid committee Ian Williamson and Keith Long are stepping down as our representatives. We are hugely grateful to them for their fantastic work. However, they need replacing, if that is possible...Would you be interested? Commitment is limited to two meetings a year alongside a little organisation at our end. Please see either of them or Jonathan for more information.

Stewardship

At our recent PCC meeting we noted soberly that we were heading for a hefty deficit on our finances this year for obvious reasons – about 50% of our income comes from lettings and for 9 months we've hardly been able to have any at all. We've worked incredibly hard to scrimp and save but we are inevitably heading for a bad loss on the year. So, our annual invitation to ask everyone to review their giving has

a particular relevance this year. Because so many people are not in church at the moment, and to save postage, we have sent out the letter electronically. Please let us know if you haven't received it.

An Ordinand on placement

Today we will welcome Katherine Willis to be with us for a placement. Katherine is training to be ordained as a priest in the Guildford Diocese (she attends Holy Trinity, Claygate) and, as part of her training, needs to spend three months in a church that is different from her own. So, you'll see her around the place, especially on Sundays, and she will take part in services, preaching at least once.

Do not enter the Vestry/Office at ANY time

In order to ensure that, as much as possible, it remains an uncontaminated space we are asking that **NO ONE** enters the Vestry/Office or uses it as an entrance into the church, even when it is locked, without first consulting Jonathan.

Children's Society

Would all those people with Children's Society boxes please keep them this year. We wish to avoid any unnecessary handling, so do not return them to the church. If you can, please make a donation directly to the Children's Society. You can do this by phone by calling **0300 303 7000** or through their website using the following link: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate#make-a-donation> . Any queries please contact Geoff Warman 07952874244

Thank you. Thank you.

The means for communicating our thanks this year has had to be different so can we take this opportunity to thank you for your support of All Saints, in so many ways, throughout this most trying of years. The good humour, kindness, generosity and love which so many have shown has been a great factor in helping us towards being the place of hope and welcome we are striving for. On behalf of us all, thank you, and where ever and however you celebrated Christmas this year, we do hope that it was one filled with joy and peace.

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