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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Festal Eucharist
on the feast of
The Epiphany

*Charles Villiers Stanford:
Communion Service in G and B flat*

Saturday 6 January 2023
7.30 p.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

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The Gathering

The service is sung by 'The Singers' choir

Voluntary

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers to sing the hymn

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!

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.

Please remain standing

The Presentation of the Gifts at the Crib

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Gifts representing gold, frankincense, and myrrh are offered at the Crib

As gold in the furnace is tried and purified
seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

As our prayer rises up in your presence as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Crib scene is hallowed with incense, and we continue to sing the processional hymn

Hymn 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.

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

WAS LEBET, Melody from the Rheinhardt MS, 1754

The Greeting

The Reverend Daniel Parkinson

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President welcomes the people and introduces the service

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
 Therefore, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us.

 Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations.

 Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

 Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

President 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.

Please remain standing

Gloria in excelsis

sung by the Choir

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

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

A reading from the epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians

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 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.

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All *Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.*

Choir Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

All *Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Matthew.

All *(Organ) Glo - ry 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit after the Preacher's prayer

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel

Please stand as the President approaches the Altar

The Creed

All **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.

Prayers of Intercession

President Today the wise men knelt before our Saviour.
Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy,
and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

Please kneel or sit

Minister Father,
the wise men came from the east to worship your Son:
grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Father,
your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords:
grant an abundance of peace to your world.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Father,
the Holy Family shared the life of the people of Nazareth:
protect in your mercy our neighbours and families,
together with the whole community of which we are part.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Father,
your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor:
show your love for the poor and powerless,
and strengthen those who suffer.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Father,
the wise men presented to your Son
gold, incense and myrrh:
accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of our hearts
at the beginning of this new year.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Father,
you are the King of heaven,
the hope of all who trust in you:
give to the faithful departed
the wonders of your salvation.

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

President Rejoicing in the fellowship
of wise men, shepherds and angels,
and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph,
we commend ourselves and all Christian people
to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

President Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

If you wish, please exchange a sign of peace with those near to you

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

*DIX, from a chorale by Carl Kocher
abridged by William Henry Monk*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
 through your goodness
 we have this bread to set before you,
 which earth has given and human hands have made.
 It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

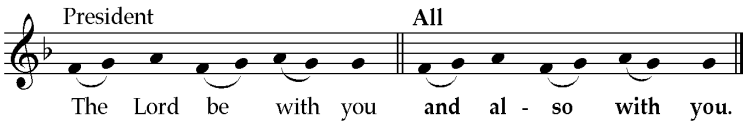
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Father, look upon the face of Jesus Christ your Son,
who gave up his life to set all people free.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
may your name be great among the nations,
and in every place a pure sacrifice be offered to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer F



All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
For at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow to joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
 heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

President Lord God, you are the most holy one,
 enthroned in splendour and light,
 yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
 you reveal the power of your love
 made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon Christ is the bread of life:
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

President Therefore we proclaim the death
that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Cuthbert, Bede, and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour taught us:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

President Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.**

Please sit down and then follow the directions of the vergers to form a line to receive Holy Communion at the sanctuary step. Please hold your hands out so that the President may place the host into your hand. After you have received, please feel free to receive from the chalice, or immediately return to your seats. Gluten-free wafers are available.

All those who are members of a Christian church of any denomination are welcome to receive Communion. If this is not part of your tradition or you are not sure, you are nevertheless welcome to receive a blessing at the communion station from the priest there. In this case, you should move forward with the communicants and bow your head as an indication to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

Agnus Dei

sung by the Choir

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.

Motet

sung by the Choir

Omnes de Saba venient;
aurum, thus deferentes,
et laudem Domino annuntiantes.
Alleluia.

*All those from Sheba shall come;
they shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
Alleluia.*

Isaiah 60. 6

Jacob Handl

Please stand as the President approaches the Altar

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

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

All Amen.

All **Almighty God**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son 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.
Amen.

The Dismissal

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

 May God the Father,
 who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star
 to find the Christ, the Light of Light,
 lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.
All **Amen.**

 May God who has delivered us
 from the dominion of darkness
 give us a place with the saints in light
 in the kingdom of his beloved Son.
All **Amen.**

 May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
 shine in your hearts and fill your lives
 with his joy and peace.
All **Amen.**

 And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Choir Go in the peace of Christ.

All



Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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.

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.

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?

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.

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.

Reginald Heber

EPIPHANY, J. F. Thrupp

Voluntary

We are grateful to 'The Singers' choir for singing at this service

Epiphany Procession: Sunday 21 January at 3.30 p.m.

You are warmly invited to join us at the Cathedral for a special service to celebrate the season of Epiphany. The service involves beautiful choral music, readings, and prayers, which dramatically draw together the three manifestations of Christ's glory—the visit of the Magi, the revelation of the Holy Trinity at the baptism in the river Jordan, and the turning of water into wine at a wedding in Cana—as the choir, clergy, and congregation process around the Cathedral. This is a truly 'Durham' service, and is not to be missed!

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Door Chalking and House Blessing at Epiphany

20 + C + M + B + 24

The marking of the lintels or doorposts of Christian homes with chalk at the Epiphany is a centuries-old tradition. It recalls the practice of the ancient Israelites who marked their doors in Egypt on the night of the first Passover, in order to be saved from death. The marking of our homes with sacred symbols and signs sets them apart as places of Christian hospitality and witness.

The numbers refer to the calendar year, the crosses to Christ, and the letters C M B signify the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar. Alternatively, they refer to the Latin blessing that accompanied this practice, see below: *Christus mansionem benedicat* ('May Christ bless this house').

As we celebrate the incarnation and manifestation of the Word made flesh, the chalking of doors is a form of blessing and re-dedicating our homes as we welcome Christ into our lives anew, and pray that our homes and lives would be filled with his radiant light.

Below is a very short and simple 'liturgy' that you can use at home to chalk your door:

Prayers to be used at home

Peace be to this house and all who enter here.

Amen.

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 our Lord,

Amen.

Using blessed chalk, mark your doorpost as you read:

The Magi, Caspar (**C**), Melchoir (**M**), and Balthazar (**B**)
came from the East to Bethlehem to adore the Lord

C M B

Now add the year as written below as you read the next section:

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary
and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him
with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh
two thousand (**20**) and twenty-four (**24**) years ago

20 C M B 24

Then add the crosses as you pray the blessing:

May Christ (+)

20 + C M B 24

this house (+)

20 + C + M B 24

bles (+)

20 + C + M + B 24

and remain with us throughout the year (+). **Amen.**

20 + C + M + B + 24

Visit, O blessed Lord,

this home with the gladness of your presence,
bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love,
and grant that we may manifest your love to each other
and to all whose lives we touch.

May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you;

Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace,

O Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of Easter

The ancient Church had a practice of announcing the dates of Easter as well as other feasts and fasts that do not have a fixed date. Since the Epiphany is a fixed date feast (January 6), and also the last major fixed date feast before we enter the Easter cycle, which is characterized by moveable dates, it was a convenient time to proclaim the date of Easter and other moveable feasts and fasts. The Proclamation, however, announces more than dates. Ultimately, it proclaims the reality that our lives are to be lived in rhythm with and according to Jesus' life:

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising:

28 March—**Maundy Thursday**

29 March—**Good Friday**

30 March—**Holy Saturday**

31 March—**Easter Sunday**

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy:

14 February—**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent

9 May—**The Ascension of the Lord**

19 May—**Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter

1 December—**The First Sunday of Advent**

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever.

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