



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Sung Eucharist
on the Feast of
The Epiphany

sung by The Singers, Newcastle upon Tyne

Uģis Prauliņš : Missa Rigensis

Friday 6 January 2017
7.30 p.m.

The Gathering

The congregation gathers near the Crib

President From the Christ who is Immanuel, God with us, grace, light and peace be with you.

All And also with you.

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

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

The President welcomes the congregation

The Acclamation

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

At the offering of gold

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Crib is censed

During the hymn the choir, clergy and congregation go in procession to the Quire

Hymn 47 *As with gladness men of old*

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

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

Gloria in excelsis

sung by the choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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

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.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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 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.

All The Word became flesh and dwelt among us:
and we beheld his glory.

Stand

Hymn 48 *Bethlehem, of noblest cities*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2. 1 - 12

An acclamation (Alleluia) heralds the Gospel reading, sung first by the choir, then by everyone

Keith Wright
(after J F Thrupp)

(Organ)

Al - le - lu - ia!_ Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

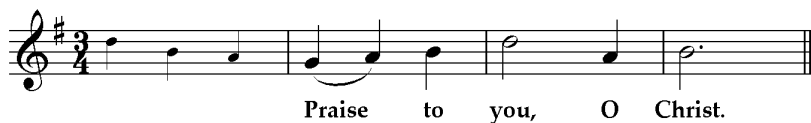
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.



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.



Sit after the prayer

Sermon

Canon Simon Oliver

Middle Voluntary

Stand and turn to face east

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.

Turn back

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.**

Kneel

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

All Hear our prayer.

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

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 our families, together with the whole community of which we are part.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

President

Merciful Father,

All

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

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Deacon

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

During the hymn the altar is prepared

Hymn

52 *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President

Lord, accept your people's gift, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

All

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

President All

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

President All

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

President

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give thanks and praise.

President 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 into 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:

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| Choir | Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. | <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
| | Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis. | <i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i> |

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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 And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

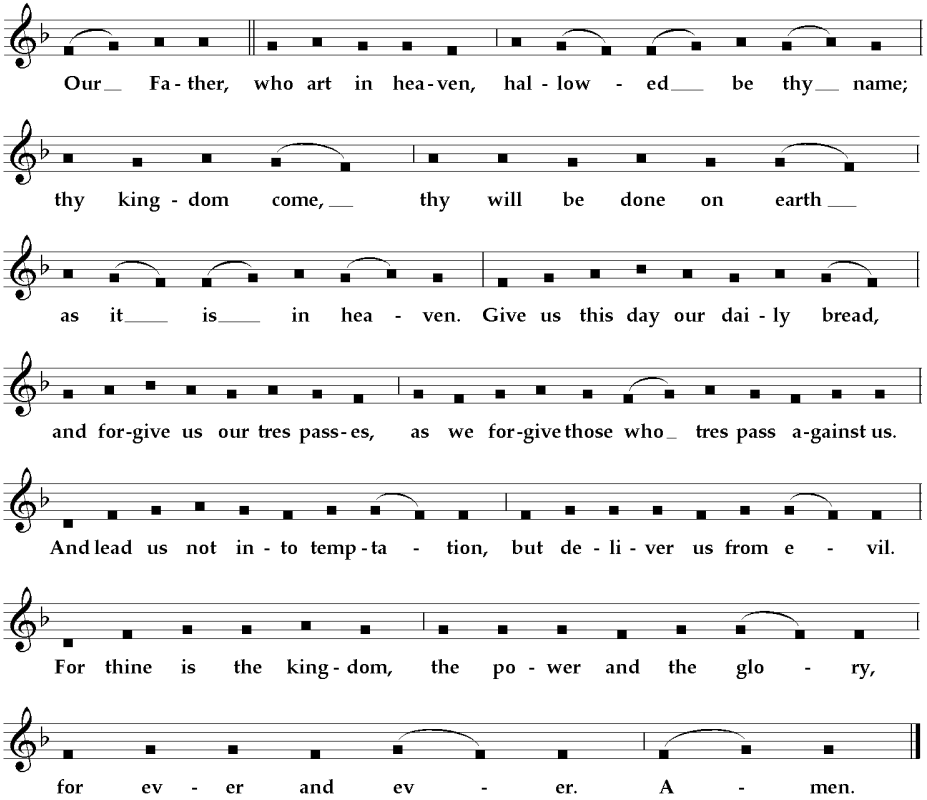
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Kneel

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.



Our_ Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal - low - ed__ be thy__ name;
thy king - dom come, __ thy will be done on earth __
as it__ is__ in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,
and for-give us our tres pass-es, as we for-give those who_ tres pass a-against us.
And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil.
For thine is the king - dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry,
for ev - er and ev - er. A - - men.

The Breaking of Bread

President We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

sung by the choir

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

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.**

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free hosts are available on request. At the High Altar you may stand or kneel. Anyone who would prefer to receive a blessing is invited to come forward holding an order of service.

Anthem Lo! star-led chiefs

sung by the choir

Lo! star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring,
And bending Magi seek their infant King.
Mark'd ye, where, hov'ring o'er his radiant head,
The dove's white wings celestial glory shed?

Reginald Herbert

*William Crotch,
from his oratorio 'Palestine*

Stand as the President moves to 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.**

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

Hymn 49 (tune ii) *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

The Blessing

President 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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

