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THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Sung Eucharist
on the Feast of
The Epiphany

Harold Darke: Communion Service in E

Thursday 6 January 2022

7.30 p.m.

Welcome to Durham Cathedral

Following recent Government guidelines concerning Covid restrictions, we continue to be cautious and safe here at Durham Cathedral.

Please make sure you have used the hand sanitiser provided **and you are required to wear a face covering unless you are exempt on health grounds.** Although social distancing is no longer a requirement, we ask you to look after yourself when choosing your seating arrangements and respect other people's safety too.

If you are a regular worshipper here, welcome back. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you join us today. This service is also live-streamed online but we have taken care to ensure that no members of the congregation are visible on camera.

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The Gathering

The service is sung by the Singers

Stand at the entrance of the Choir and clergy

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.

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!

J S B Monsell

Melody from the Rheinhardt MS, 1754

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

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

The President welcomes the people

The Presentation of the Gifts

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

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.

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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

President Lord God, heavenly King,
 whose only Son is the Lamb
 born to take away the sins of the world:
 show us your mercy and goodness
 by turning us from our sins,
 that we may live in your peace and give you glory for ever;
 through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The crib is censed, and the ministers go to the Altar

Gloria

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.**

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

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.

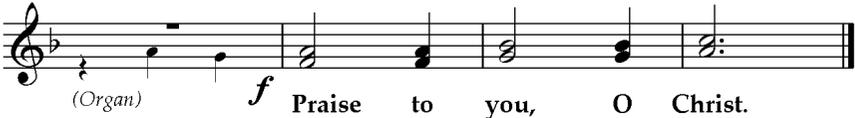
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

All  *(Organ)* **f** 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.

All

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Charlie Allen

Stand

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 Let us worship the Saviour with joy
 and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Kneel or sit

Intercessor The magi came from the east to worship your Son:
 Father, grant to Christians everywhere
 the spirit of adoration.

All Lord of glory,
 hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds.

Lord of glory
hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ:
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world.

Lord of glory
hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless,
and all who suffer.

Lord of glory
hear our prayer.

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:

Father, protect in your love our neighbours, our families and this community of which we are a part.

Lord of glory
hear our prayer.

President Father, we rejoice in our fellowship
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph
and all the faithful departed.
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

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.

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

Please refrain from physically sharing the Peace but, instead, make a verbal greeting to those near 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

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

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.

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.

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

The President breaks the consecrated bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Sit down and then please follow the directions of the vergers to form a line to receive Communion. There are two stations at the front of the Nave. Please hold your hands out so that the clergy may drop the host into your hand. After you have received the consecrated host, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations.

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.

Anthem

sung by the Choir

Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurum
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

*Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the new-born baby.*

*Poem by Edward Esch
Latin translation by Charles Anthony Silvestri*

Eric Whitacre

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Stand

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.
Amen.

**All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
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.
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.

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

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.

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Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
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Reginald Heber

J F Thrupp

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We are grateful to The Singers for singing tonight's Eucharist.