



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

17 January 2021, 10am

Parish Eucharist, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

As the bell rings during the few minutes before the start of the service please sit and take a moment of peace and quiet to prepare yourself for the Eucharist.

*All **stand** as the Ministers enter the Church*

Bethlehem, of noblest cities
none can once with thee compare;
thou alone the Lord from heaven
didst for us incarnate bear.

² Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth;
to the lands their God announcing,
seen I fleshly form on earth.

³ By its lambent beauty guided
see the eastern kings appear;
see them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

⁴ Solemn things of mystic meaning:
incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tom foreshows.

⁵ Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
to the Gentile world displayed,
with the Father and the Spirit
endless praise to thee be paid.

Remain standing for THE GREETING:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE RITE OF PENITENCE:

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. Let us confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION:

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.*

THE COLLECT:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

All sit to read alternate verses of PSALM 139: 1-9

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 **You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 **You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

6 **Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand shall lead me, your right hand hold me fast.

Please remain seated for the FIRST READING: Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a

loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.' ⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to greet THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL READING: John 1: 43-end

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' ⁴⁶'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' ⁴⁸'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' ⁵⁰Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' ⁵¹He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON – all sit.

All stand to say THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

All sit or kneel for the INTERCESSIONS:

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. We remember before you those on our church prayer list...

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

Jesus, Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. *All: Amen.*

Following the intercessions all stand for THE PEACE:

Presider: 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.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Following THE PEACE, the bell is tolled three times to indicate the offering of our hearts to God. Then all **sit or kneel** for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:*

Presider: The Lord be with you. *All:* **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

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:

All: **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.**

The Presider continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The Presider continues:

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The bell tolls three times to indicate that the bread and wine have been consecrated for the whole community.

THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Presider: 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.

The AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God,	Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,	you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.	Have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION HYMN:

What child is this, who, laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,
his love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Saviour comes,
the Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let every heart enthrone him:
raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the Babe, the son of Mary.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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 BLESSING:

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

FINAL HYMN:

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, His the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

² Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

³ Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

⁴ Alleluia, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

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