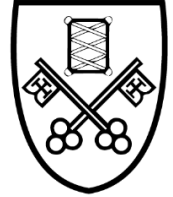




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of St Peter Bradford



# The Eucharist

The Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

10.30

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# Organ Voluntary

## Welcome & Notices

*The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford*

*After the welcome, silence is kept.*

## *The Preparation*

## Processional Hymn

*Please stand.*

**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.**

**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.**

*Words: J S B Monsell (1811-1875)  
Music: 'Was Lebet'. Melody from Rheinhardt MS (1754)  
CP 89*

## The Greeting

*The Revd Canon Myra Shackley, Cathedral Chaplain*

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

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 Lord of glory be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction may be said.*

## 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.  
Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

*Deacon* God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

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

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The choir sings the praises of God in English or in another language.*

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* Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh,  
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.  
**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Old Testament Reading

*The Venerable Ezekiel Chidiebere Adiele*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*



*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

*cf 1 Timothy 3.16*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Deborah Henney-Turner*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**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, <sup>2</sup> 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.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "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." '

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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.' <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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*

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

*We remain standing as the organ plays in response to the gospel.*

## **Sermon**

*The Revd Duncan Milwain, Assistant Curate*

*After the opening prayer, please be seated.*

*The sermon will be followed by a time of silent reflection.*



# Creed

*We stand.*

*President* Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

*We sit.*

# Prayers of Intercession

*The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford*

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.

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  
**hear our prayer.**

Father, your Son is 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 families,  
together with the whole community of which we are part.  
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.  
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 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,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*We stand.*

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

*cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

**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.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*During the hymn, offerings may be made through the offertory plates, via this QR code, or by the other means detailed in the inside front cover.*



**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.**

**Arabia's desert-ranger  
to him shall bow the knee;  
the Ethiopian stranger  
his glory come to see;  
with offerings of devotion  
ships from the isles shall meet,  
to pour the wealth of ocean  
in tribute at his feet.**

**Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.**

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), based on Psalm 72  
Music: adapted from Johann Crüger (1598-1662) by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

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

# The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer B

*President* 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.**

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:

*The choir acclaims the holiness of God in English or in another language.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
hosanna in the highest.

*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* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

*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 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.

**Amen.**

*We kneel or sit in silence.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*President* Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own language:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*President* We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*The choir sings a prayer for God's mercy in English or in another language.*

*President* 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.

## Giving of Communion

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

*Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. Please indicate to those serving communion if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please keep your hands down.*

## During Communion

*The choir may sing a motet and/or a hymn/song may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*President* 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.**

**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.**



# 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,  
Saviour, to that lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle 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 Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way,  
and, when earthly joys 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  
alleluias to our King.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*  
*Music: 'Dix'. From a chorale by C Kocher (1786-1872)*  
*abridged by W H Monk (1823-1889)*  
CP 83

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

*President*     May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from 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 our 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.**

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*     We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*We remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.*

## Organ Voluntary

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