



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield

Loved as you are

Sunday 8th January 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord



Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's. In this service of the Eucharist we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and his self-giving for the sins of the whole world. As the bread and wine are offered, symbols of that self-giving, so we offer ourselves to God and receive at communion the life of Christ. So nourished, we are enabled to go out into the world to live in the service of God.

THE GATHERING

As we gather before the service, we speak to God. During the service, we let God speak to us. After the service, we speak to each other.

Chorale

William J. Mathias 1934-1992

We stand and sing at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh,
prayer and praising, all are raising,
worship him, God most high.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice.

‘Alleluia, alleluia!’

Earth to heaven replies.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Words and Music: John Henry Hopkins 1822-1900

THE GREETING

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

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

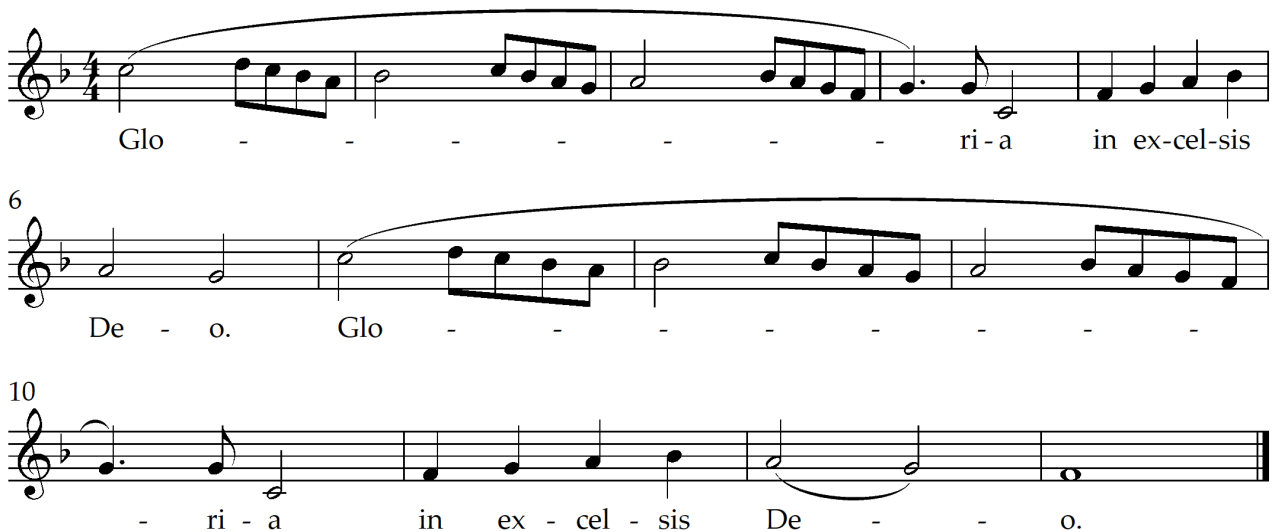
PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GLORIA



Cantor 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. *R*

Cantor 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. *R*

Cantor 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. *R*

THE COLLECT

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us
 pray.' The Collect is said, and all respond, **Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

 The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon

THE SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God

**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

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand to share the peace.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

The Presentation of the Gifts

During the Offertory hymn the bread and wine and the collection are brought to the altar and the altar is prepared.

**Bethlehem! Of Noblest Cities none can once with thee compare,
Thou alone the Lord from heaven didst in us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth,
To the lands their God announcing, hid beneath a form of earth.**

**By its shining beauty guided, see the Eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer – gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning! Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a royal child proclaimeth; myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

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

Words: Aurelius Prudentius 348-413 tr. Edward Caswall 1814-1878

Music: Christian Friedrich Witt 1660 -1716

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts please respond

Blessed be God forever

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we sing

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —

10

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry; ho - san - na

17

in the high est. Blessed is he who comes in the name

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of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high est.

The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond,

A - - - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

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

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins_____

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of the world, have mer - cy on us.

12
Lamb of God you take a - way the

16
sins_____ of the world, grant_____ us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

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, feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please wait to be directed for Communion.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds. As the priest offers you the host with the words **'The Body of Christ'** please respond: **Amen**.*

*As you are offered the chalice, please remember you won't be permitted to handle the sides of the chalice only the base. When you are offered the chalice to take a sip with the words **The Blood of Christ**, please respond **Amen**.*

You will not be permitted to 'dip' the host into the chalice and must consume the host before receiving wine from the chalice. There is no need now to return to your seat with the host in your hands.

During the distribution of Communion

Allegretto Pastorale

John E West 1863-1929

Reflection

**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 sorrow, 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 clear,
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: John S. Monsell 1811-1875

Music: Johann Heinrich Rheinhard 1727-1787 MS, Üttingen, 1754

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still
far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his
cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the
world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all
your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your
name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

The priest gives the blessing
Amen.

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional 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 the 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.**

Words: William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898

Music: Tune: Conrad Kocher 1786-1872 adapted: William Henry Monk 1823-1889

Postlude

Fantasia in C Major BWV 570

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Bach was a staunch Lutheran and his belief permeates his music. His scores would begin with the words, 'Jesu Juva', meaning, 'Jesus help' and ending with the letters SDG, 'Soli Deo Gloria', to God alone be the glory'. This Fantasia in C major, BWV570 was probably written on two staves. The long pedal points suggest similarities with the toccatas of Pachelbel and, after a brief opening, reminiscent of certain French models, the piece is dominated by the figure—quaver and two semiquavers—heard first in the sixth bar and then developed throughout the rest of the piece. Harmonic interest is maintained through brief chromatic excursions and chains of suspensions. A brief postlude, marked by a rising semiquaver figure, balances the introduction.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Notices

Service next Sunday:
Epiphany 2

Family Service (9.30 am)
Sung Eucharistic Service (11.00 am)
and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org

I would like to invite everyone in the diocese to keep 2023 as a year of the Old Testament. Next year is the first of two special years [2024 will be the Year of the New Testament] leading up to the 2025 which we will keep as a special Year of Faith.

2025 celebrates 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea which gave us what became the Nicene Creed. It also marks 950 years of Christian mission in a diocese based in Chichester. Hence why the three-year programme is known as Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith.

The Year of the Old Testament will reflect on the Hebrew Scriptures. We will seek to understand the Law, the Prophets and the Writings in their original context, and see more clearly how they point us towards Jesus Christ and the gospel, and to our own knowledge of him in the history of his body, the Church.

The Old Testament speaks repeatedly of God as One and as Holy. So we hope that this Year will help us to understand how the Old Testament guides the Church to be 'one' and 'holy': the first two of the 'marks of the Church' and part of our diocesan strategy.

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