

## 10am Holy Communion Epiphany Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

*Welcome to St Mary's Newick and to this Eucharist, whether you are joining us from home or with us within the Church building*

*In the service this morning we recall the last meal of Christ with his friends in the Upper Room, and we recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Although our faith is grounded in history, this service is not a nostalgic looking back to the events of the past: it is a celebration that in the Eucharist Christ is truly present to us now, and a promise of the glory that will be ours when the whole universe is made complete in him.*

*The seasons of Christmas and Epiphany are a time of great joy, Epiphany commemorates the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus. Epiphany literally means 'revealed', and the Epiphany Season also marks the time when Jesus was revealed to the world.*

*The mood is one of wonder that God has sent his Son into the world to share our life, and that he comes to us in this service in the breaking of bread.*

*All of us at St Mary's wish you a joyful and peaceful New Year and Epiphany and pray that you will know the presence of the incarnate Christ in your hearts and lives.*

### Sing1:

**As with gladness men of old** *sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 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 Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

5 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.

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

In the face of the Gospel,

**All: Let us ask God for a good New Year.**

In the face of the Gospel,

**All: Let there be healing and peace.**

In the face of the Gospel,

**All: Let the light of God shine over the world.**

### Welcome & Notices

*Chalk 20+C+M+B+21*

At the beginning of the year, we pray for the homes of our parish and of all our community.

If you would like to join in with this tradition here is what to do:

A marked doorway of one of our family's homes

*Using chalk, above the door outside, write the markings 20 + C + M + B + 21 are C, M, B being the initials of the traditional names of the wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, they can also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, the Latin words meaning, May Christ bless this home.*

Here is a blessing you can use

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who live in it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ who dwells among us. Amen.

Loving God, may all who come to our home this year rejoice to find the love of Christ here; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

*If you use this to do a blessing of your home we'd love you to send us a photograph of the 20 + C + M + B + 21 marked doorway.*

### Saying Sorry to God

**Father God, we are sorry for the things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves. Please forgive us and help us to love you and other people more and more.**

Absolution: The Lord enrich *us* with his grace and nourish *us* with his blessing; the Lord defend *us* in trouble and keep *us* from all evil; the Lord accept *our* prayers, and absolve *us* from *our* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### **Responsive Prayer**

In this New Year, with our hopes and our fears,  
Let us lay before God all that we are, all that we have;

**All: For our lives, for our families, for our friends we pray.**

In this New Year, still fresh, and uncertain, Let us lay before God all the days ahead;

**All: For our work, for our rest, for our times together, and for our times alone we pray.**

### ***Silence***

The reign of God has come near,  
God forgives those who seek help and mercy;

In this New Year, start anew, rejoice and believe.

**All: Amen.**

### The Gloria

Glory be to God on high  
And in earth peace, goodwill 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

Collect for Epiphany : Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journeys end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-6

Sing 2: We three kings sung by St Martin's Voices

*The Kings*

- 1 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.*

*Melchior*

- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring, to crown him again-  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign:  
*Chorus*

*Caspar*

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a deity nigh:  
prayer and praising, all men raising,  
worship him, God most high:  
*Chorus*

*Balthazar*

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

- 5 Glorious now, behold him arise,  
King and God, and sacrifice!  
heaven sings alleluia,  
alleluia the earth replies:  
*Chorus*

*John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891)*

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*. **Glory to you, O Lord.** This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Talk

Let us stand to affirm our faith

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us,  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*The following response can be used:*

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

### 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 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.  
This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.  
This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.  
This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

Breaking of the 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.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Each communicant replies Amen to the words of distribution.

Prayer After Communion

Lord, we have broken your bread  
and received your life.

By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

May God the Father, who led the Magi by the shining of a star  
To find the Christ, the light from light  
Lead you also in your pilgrimage this year to find the Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

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

Sing<sup>3</sup> O worship the Lord *sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 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!
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

5 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!

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)*

Offertory Prayer

*thank you for all you are giving to the Church to help us continue in our ministry, our costs haven't changed very much so we are still very glad of your support .You can now give by phone, call Christopher Hume and he will explain it to you.*

**God of Mission,Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**