

*Welcome to*  
**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia  
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



*The Adoration of the Magi, Painting by Gerard David (active 1484-1523),  
Painted circa 1515, Oil on oak panel © National Gallery, London*

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**5 JANUARY 2024**

**7.00PM HIGH MASS**

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.*

Mass setting: T. L. de Victoria (c.1548-1611) Missa *O quam gloriosum*

*The Deacon sings:* Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Processional 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.

*The celebrant prays the following collect at the Nativity station.*

Eternal God, who by a star led the Magi to the worship of your Son:  
guide the nations of the earth by your light,  
that the whole world may see your glory,  
and show yourself to all the nations;  
through him who is the true light and the bright morning star,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

NEH 47

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*Music: From a chorale by C Kocher (1786-1872) abridged by W.H. Monk (1823-89)*

*Descant and reharmonisation: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

*The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant censes the altar during the Introit.*

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp,  
and power and dominion.

V. O God, give your justice to the king, and your justice to the king's son.  
Behold, the Lord ...

*Celebrant:*

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Deacon introduces the Confession:*

Merciful God: **Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Kyries are sung by the choir.*

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

*Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
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.

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.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

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.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Isaiah 60.1-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72



Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.  
May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

## THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 3.1-12

*chanted by the Sub-Deacon*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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 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 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We have seen his star in the east;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

*Deacon:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [2.1-12]

**✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie, which is followed by*

***The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts for the Year***

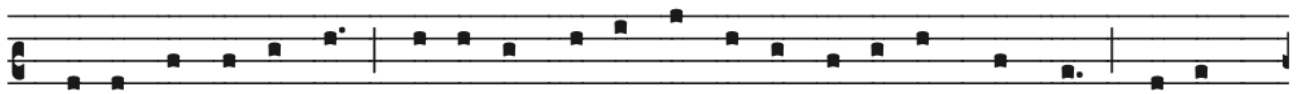
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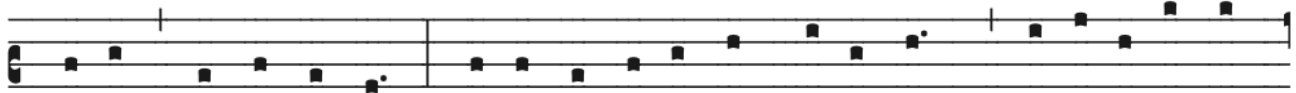
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## The Creed

*All stand and sing together facing the High Altar. The priest intones the opening phrase.*



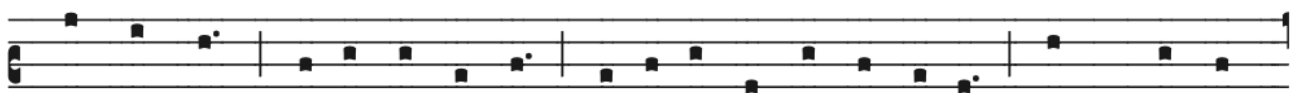
✠ We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and earth of all



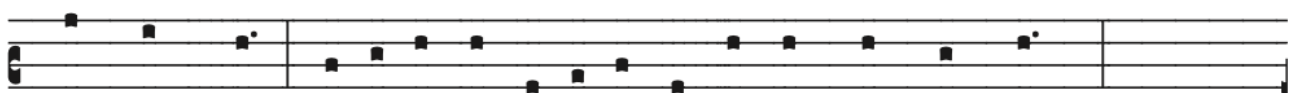
that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of



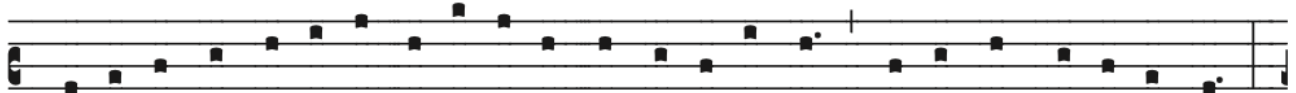
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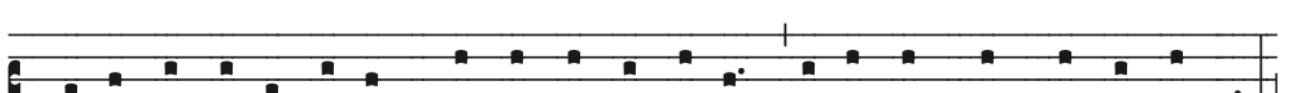
from true God, be-got-ten, not made of one be-ing with the Fa-ther through him all



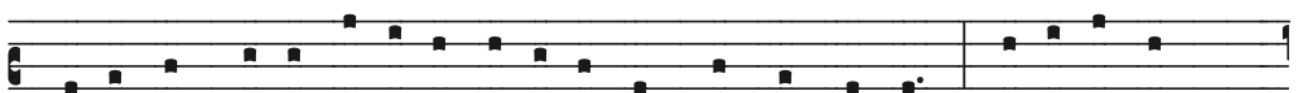
things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from heaven,



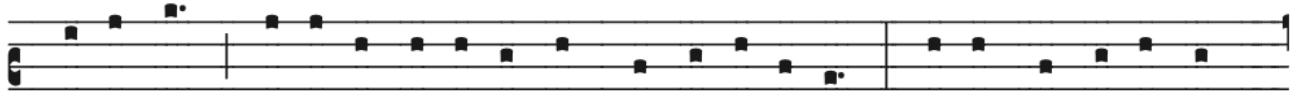
was in-car-nate of the Ho-ly Spi-rit and the vir-gin Ma-ry, and be-came tru-ly hu-man.



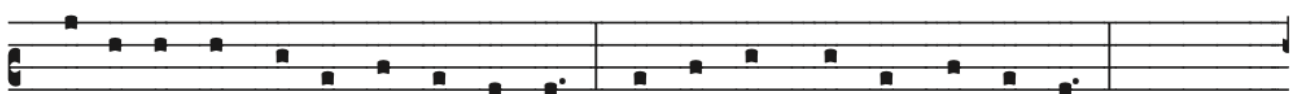
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, he suf-fered death and was bu-ried.



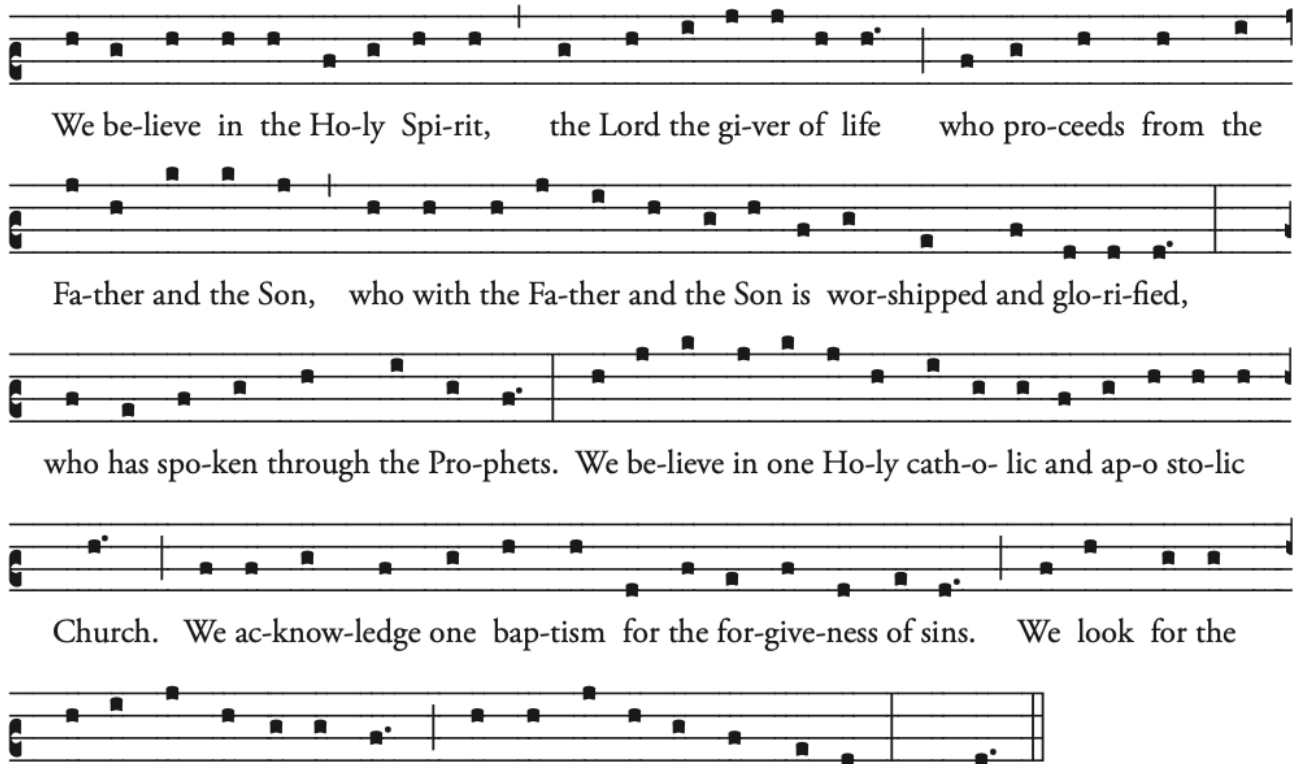
On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the scrip-tures. He as-cen-ded



in- to heav'n, and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in



glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead and his king-dom will have no end.



We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord the gi-ver of life who pro-ceeds from the  
 Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied,  
 who has spo-ken through the Pro-phets. We be-lieve in one Ho-ly cath-o-lic and ap-o sto-lic  
 Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the  
 re-sur- rec-tion of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. A-men.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel. After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
**And let light ✠ perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:*

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** [*Sung by the choir*]

The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall bring gifts. And all kings of the earth shall adore him, all nations shall serve him.

*Offertory hymn NEH 49*

**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.**

**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.**

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)  
(NEH 192) Music: Melody adapted from Himmels-Lust Jena 1679  
Harmony, slightly adjusted, from a cantata by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, Lord God.....

**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

*The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

*Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer. The choir sings the Sanctus.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*



Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

*Celebrant*



As our Sav-iour Christ has taught us, we are con-fi-dent to pray,  
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us  
from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours  
now and for ev-er. A-men.

*Celebrant:*

We who are many are one body.  
For we all share in the one bread.

*The Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant:*

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.*

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.*

*All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**COMMUNION MOTET** *Sung by the choir.*

William Walton (1902-1983): All this time

*Post-communion hymn* NEH 48

Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
None can once with thee compare;  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth;  
To the lands their God announcing,  
Seen in fleshly form on earth.

By its lambent 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. Amen.

*Words: Latin, Prudentius (348-410), tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)  
Music: Adapted from a melody in C.F. Witt's Harmonia Sacra Gotha (1715)*

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

***Blessing of chalk** (see page 16 for text)*

*The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:*

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.*

Postlude: Linda Kent *Improvisation*

## Epiphany: Marking of Houses with Blessed Chalk

*[Please take this pemsheet with you and use these prayers at home.]*

### *Blessing*

Bless, ✠ O Lord God, this chalk to render it a blessing to your people. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Prayer at Home*

*The lintel of the main door of the house (and other doors if desired) is marked by a member of the household in the following way:*

$20 + C + M + B + <year>$  (ie 24)

*whilst saying the following prayer:*

*write this:*

The three Wise Men

Caspar

C

Melchior

M

and Balthasar

B

followed the star of God's Son who became man

Two thousand

20

and twenty-three years ago.

23

May Christ bless our home

++ (as shown above)

And remain throughout the new year.

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Almighty God, incline your ear.

Bless us and all who are gathered here.

Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace

all who dwell here. Amen.

The C M B also stands for *Christus mansionem benedicat*: May God bless this house