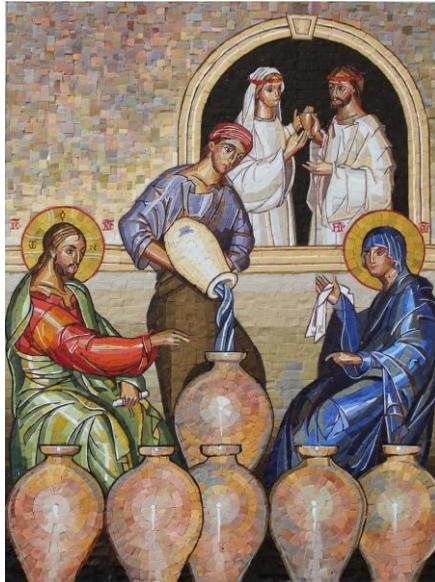


The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Year C



Mary said, 'Do whatever he tells you'

The Parish Mass

Sunday 16th January 2022

10.15 am



¶ Let's keep protecting each other

We're so grateful for everything you've done to help keep each other safe. Every time you've sanitised your hands, worn a face covering and kept a safe distance, it's made a real difference. So, from all of us, thank you. We all hope and pray brighter days are coming. But we want to reassure you that your safety remains our top priority.

Face coverings

Following the Government's implementation of the Covid 'Plan B' worshippers are once again required by law to wear a face covering in places of worship. This must be worn by all unless you belong to one of the medically exempted groups, or when fulfilling an exempted activity. The mask must cover your nose as well as your mouth to be effective. There is now strong evidence that face coverings help both to reduce spread and provide protection from Covid.

Social distancing

We ask you to respect one another's space, spread out, and take advantage of our spacious environment. Individual chairs remain available in the transepts.

Hand hygiene

Please use the hand sanitiser provided as you enter and leave church. As far as possible, we ask that you keep the touching of other surfaces to a minimum.

Toilet facilities

The church toilet facilities are available for use.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is administered in one 'kind' only, standing, at the front of the nave as indicated in the service booklet. For mutual protection, we ask that you keep your face covering on until the words of administration have been spoken, and you have responded by saying 'Amen'.

Live streaming

Please note that Sunday morning services, and other occasional services, may be live streamed via this website and on Facebook.

Church heating – *please note that in accordance with official guidance the fan assisted heating system is turned off during services to restrict the spread of aerosol.*

Our thanks are due to Anonymous Donor No. 2
who has generously financed
the production of this week's service booklet.

Welcome to St Matthew's Church

At a wedding in Cana Jesus changed water into wine. There are many things in our spiritual lives that should be changed. Jesus' power is available to us too. Let us reflect on our need of his power in order to change the things in our lives that need to be changed.

Reflection

Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world.
Everywhere he went the old was made new.
For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine.
For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy.
For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love.
For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope.
And on Easter morning he changed death into life.
Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives.
And when through human weakness
the wine of love is found wanting,
touch our hearts and strengthen our wills,
so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.

Settings

The Salisbury Service (Gloria only)

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Communion Service in C & F

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)



Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

*At the sound of the bell, **all stand***

Hymn

The procession enters from the West End

All

**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.**

**Kings shall fall 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:
That name to us is Love.**

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: Crüger
Adapted by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
from a chorale by Johann Crüger ((1598-1662)

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

The Greeting

All The Lord of glory be with you
and also with you.

The service is introduced

Invitation to Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who has sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Confession

All **God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought
and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Kyries

Lord Jesus, you change fear into trust.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

You change weakness into strength.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

You change selfishness into love.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive † you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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.**

**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 Collect

Let us pray.

**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.**

Please be seated

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 61.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Response



Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **Response**

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights. **Response**

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **Response**

Psalm 36.5-10

Holy Gospel

Please stand

Acclamation

1. *Choir only*
2. *Choir and Congregation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

God has called us through the proclamation of the good news,
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

All

The Lord of glory be with you
and also with you.

All

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

All

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

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Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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

All **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.**

*All may
bow* ***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 the Faithful

Priest Jesus brought joy to the wedding guests at Cana by turning water into wine. Let us bring our needs before him with confidence.

Please be seated

The response to each petition

Intercessor Lord of life and love,
renew and refresh us.

After the final petition

Priest God of love and mercy,
may we experience your Son's presence in our lives,
so that when our own efforts are not enough,
he may support us with his grace.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

With an appropriate gesture, let us extend to each other
a sign of Christ's peace.

The altar is prepared

Hymn

All

**Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Words: *Discendi, amor santo* Bianco da Siena (died 1434)
translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Music: Down Ampney
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Invitation to Prayer

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

All

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

Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, accept our offerings,
and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

All 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:

Choir *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.*

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a *mf* dynamic marking. The lyrics under the first staff are: "When we eat this bread and drink this cup,". The second staff begins with a *cresc.* marking and ends with a *f* marking. The lyrics under the second staff are: "we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

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 Blessed Sacrament is elevated, and bells are rung

Please be seated

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ:
All **we being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**
Into one body we were all baptized,
All **and one Spirit was given us all to drink.**

Agnus Dei

Choir *○ Lamb of God,
you takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*○ Lamb of God,
you takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*○ Lamb of God,
you takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

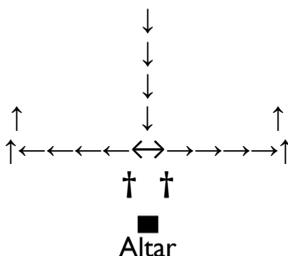
Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

Holy Communion, alternatively God's blessing, is administered standing at a 'station', as indicated below. Please approach the clergy via the centre aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles whilst maintaining physical distancing. If you wish to receive God's blessing please bring this booklet with you. Thank you.



Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.

Motet

Out of your sleep

Richard Rodney Bennett (1936-2021)
(1967 commission)

Choir

*Out of your sleep arise and wake,
For God mankind now hath ytake.
All of a maid without any make:
Of all women she beareth the bell.
And through a maide fair and wise,
Now man is made of full great price:
Now angels knelen to man's service,
An at this time all this befell.
Now man is brighter than the sun:
Now man in heav'n on high shall won:
Blessed be God this game is begun
And his mother the Empress of hell.
That ever was thrall now is he free:
That ever was small now great is she:
Now shall God deem be thee and me
Unto this bliss if we do well.
Now man he may to heaven wend:
Now heav'n and earth to him they bend.
He that was foe now is our friend.
This is no nay that I you tell.
Now blessed Brother grant us grace,
At doomes day to see the face,
And in thy court to have a place,
That we may there sing thee nowell.*

Anon, 15th cent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Please stand

God of glory,
your 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.**

Hymn

All **Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
For by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!
*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
In flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
Yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:
*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:
*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!***

Word and music: David John Mansell (b. 1936)

Notices for the Community

The procession departs

Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary

Collection

We invite you to make a monetary offering towards the ministry and mission of St Matthew's Church using the receptacle provided at the back of church.

If you are a tax payer, please use the envelopes in the chairs, and fill out the details in order that our parish may in addition benefit from the Gift Aid associated with your giving.

Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.

This evening at 5.30pm

Epiphany Carol Service by candlelight

**Please take this booklet home
as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,
and then re-cycle it.**

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