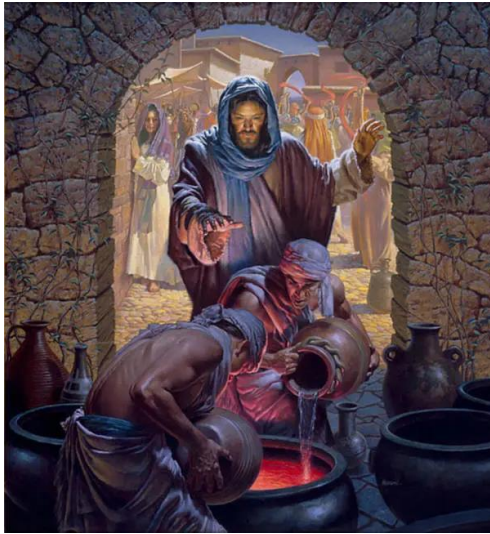


The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany



*Jesus said, Fill the jars with water*

## The Parish Mass

in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 19 January 2025

10.15 am

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## *The morning's readings*

The First Reading contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and his people will be like newlyweds again.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolised by the changing of water into wine. The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus's baptism - all are epiphanies of his glory.

John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of his ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son.

*It is our custom to spend some time in quiet preparation before the liturgy begins, and save further conversation until we meet socially for refreshments afterwards. The following reflection, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:*

## 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.

## Setting

The Salisbury Service

*Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

## Order of Service

### ¶ The Gathering

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

### Hymn

§ *The procession enters and the altar is honoured with incense*

*All*                    **SONGS of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding-guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany;  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

Words Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Music St Edmund  
Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

† 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

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 to.  
Let us reflect on our need of his power  
in order to change the things in our lives that need to be changed.

*Silence for reflection*

## 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.**

§ Sit



# ¶ 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 62.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm



*Choir* 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

§ Stand

Acclamation

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

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

*Choir* Through the proclamation of the Good News  
 God has called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*All* Alleluia.

§ Turn to face the Book of the Gospels

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

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

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



Homily

§ Sit

*At the end, a time of quiet reflection*

The Nicene Creed

§ 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.

§ *Kneel*

*The response to each petition*

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

*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.

*All* We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

§ *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.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

### The Offertory

§ *The bread and wine are presented at the dais step, and the altar is prepared*

### Hymn

§ *A monetary collection is taken and laid at the foot of the altar.  
Please give as you are able using any of the ways indicated at  
the front of this booklet. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.*

*All* **O THOU, who at thy eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
Oh, may we all one bread, one body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in unity.**

Words William Henry Turton (1856-1938)

Music Song 1  
Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

## 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, grant that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
We ask this through 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:

*All* **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.**

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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) above the first staff, *cresc.* (crescendo) above the second staff, and *f* (forte) above the second staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and pow'r be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated, and bells are rung*

§ *Kneel*

## 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

*All*     **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.**

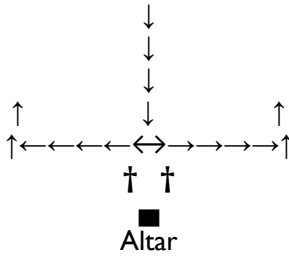
## Invitation to Communion

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

We have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us.

*Holy Communion, alternatively God's blessing, is administered standing as indicated below. If you wish to receive God's blessing please bring this booklet with you. Thank you.*



## Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

### 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

*Choir* Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, there is God.  
The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock.  
Let us rejoice and let us be glad in that love itself.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And let us love from a pure heart. Amen.*

Music Ola Gjelle (born 1978)

§ *All sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

God of glory,  
you 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.**

**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

All

**BEYOND** all mortal praise  
God's Name be ever blest,  
Unsearchable his ways,  
His glory manifest;  
From his high throne  
In peace and might  
By wisdom's light  
He rules alone.

**Our times are in his hand  
To whom all flesh is grass,  
While as their maker planned  
The changing seasons pass.  
He orders all:  
Before his eyes  
Earth's empires rise  
Her kingdoms fall.**

**He gives to humankind,  
Divided as he will,  
All powers of heart and mind,  
Of spirit, strength and skill:  
Nor dark nor night  
But must lay bare  
Its secrets, where  
He dwells in light.**

**To God the only Lord,  
Our fathers' God, be praise;  
His holy Name adored  
Through everlasting days.  
His mercies trace  
In answered prayer,  
In love and care,  
And gifts of grace.**

Words Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music Harewood  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

§ Sit

# Notices for the Community

## ¶ Sending Out

§ *Stand*

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

### Solemn Blessing

*All* 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 also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*All* May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
**Amen.**

*All* May God the Holy Spirit,  
who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.  
**Amen.**

*All* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### The Dismissal

*All* Go out into the world in peace,  
**to walk in God's light,**  
**to rejoice in God's love**  
**and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**

# Organ Voluntary

A Trumpet Minuet

*Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)*

- § *Please remain standing until the procession has departed*
- § *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*
- § *Refreshments are being served in the parish centre, please do join us*
- § *If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.*

This evening at 4.00 pm

## Epiphany Carol Service

followed by refreshments in the parish centre

Our thanks are due to Mandy and Mark Ludlow  
who have generously financed  
the production of this week's service booklet.

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

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