



Welcome

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

19 January 2025



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings*

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Hearing loop installed; collect a receiver from the back of church.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no
more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be
made,
and praises throng to crown his
head.
His name like sweet perfume shall
rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he
reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their
chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

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

Priest The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

*The Priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

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.

*The Priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

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.

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen.***

*We sing the **Gloria**, which you will find on the
separate music sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung*
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. **Amen.**

*We sit for the **first** and **second readings.***

First Reading

Isaiah 62.1-5, read by Tom

¹For 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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the
hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in
the hand of your God.

⁴You 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.

⁵For 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.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12.1-11, read by Jim

¹Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and
sisters, I do not want you to be
uninformed. ²You know that when you
were pagans, you were enticed and led
astray to idols that could not speak.

³Therefore I want you to understand that
no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever
says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can
say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy
Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the
same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of
services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there
are varieties of activities, but it is the same
God who activates all of them in
everyone. ⁷To each is given the

manifestation of the Spirit for the common
good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit
the utterance of wisdom, and to another
the utterance of knowledge according to
the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the
same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by
the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of
miracles, to another prophecy, to another
the discernment of spirits, to another
various kinds of tongues, to another the
interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are
activated by one and the same Spirit, who
allots to each one individually just as the
Spirit chooses.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards
the Gospel book*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live:'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright:'**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

All remain standing (if able) as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to *John*
(2, 1-11)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon

We stand to say the Creed

**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 of 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.**

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow*

At the end:

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

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always
All **And also with you**
Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken during the **hymn**. You may prefer to donate by card, at the back of church*

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**2 Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.**

**3 Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.**

**4 Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**5 Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever**
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink
All **Blessed be God for ever**
Priest Pray my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father

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

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which we reply **Amen***

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music sheet.*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

The Priest invites us to say:

**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**

Priest We break this bread to share
in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many we
are one body, because we
all share in one bread**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the music sheet.*

Priest Jesus is 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.**

*The congregation approaches the Altar steps to receive **Communion**.*

All those who are in good standing with their own Church are invited to receive Communion. Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail or bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.

**Please keep absolute silence during
Communion**

Post Communion Prayers:

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.

Amen

We say together:

**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.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal***

**Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth
spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!**

**2 There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.**

**3 There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from
labour,
for unknown are toil and care.**

**4 O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!**

**5 Now with gladness, now with
courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

‘WHAT’S ON’ THIS WEEK

Today

3pm Memorial Service for the late Frank Thompson RIP

Tuesday 21 January

10.30am Sing Space Choir

2pm Memorial Service for the late Barbara Fewster RIP

Wednesday 22 January

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

Please note that the church and grounds close at 2.30pm today

Thursday 23 January

Please note that technical work is being carried out today, and sections of the church may be closed off

Friday 24 January

I am Broadway Baby **

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Please note that the church office closes at 1pm today for the staff

‘Christmas’ lunch

Saturday 25 January

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 26 January 2025

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist, for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Please note that the church closes at 12.30pm today.

*** Tickets for all paid events may be obtained from*

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