

Services this week...

Sunday 7th January 2007

The Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Mass

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Monday 8th Baptism of Christ

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.15pm Mass for our confirmation candidates

6.00pm Evening Prayer

6.30pm Parish Office Surgery Hour

Tuesday 9th Christmas Weekday

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Holy Hour & Evening Prayer

7.00pm Mass for our schools

Wednesday 10th William Laud, archbishop

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass for lapsed priests (followed by coffee)

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 11th Mary Slessor, missionary

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.15pm Mass for Cockpit crew

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 12th Aelred, abbot

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass for the Anglican Communion

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 13th Hilary, bishop

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sunday 7th

2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

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INTERCESSIONS

Please add any new names and/or renew the names of others who are sick or in any need that you wish to be remembered at Mass. There is a list in the Lower Hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kay Kemp, Catherine Bradshaw, Charles Crisp, Michelle George, Eileen Black, Mrs Robb, Dorothy deGale, Alicia deGale, Caroline Farodoye, Lorraine Mack, Audrey Marshall, Leslie Utting, Valerie Lomer-Panek, Peggy Bownes, Alice Wright, Rosemary Makhulu, Fiona McKenna, Dorothy Bradshaw, Colin Busby, Miriam Hartigan, Sue Fraser, Tina, Francesco, Josephine Leaton, Therese Lucas, Gillian Murtagh, Lucy Gillert, Libertine Quinn, Anna Ross, Richard, Marion Cannon, Joanne Lees, Nicky Ewen, Lesley Elkington, Patrick Goodacre, Janet Morgan, Nancy Coxall, Bertram Hodge, Molly Addison, Brandon Phillip.

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St John's, Fulham

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Sunday 7th January 2007

10am Parish Mass

Welcome to St John's this evening, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer. Today we celebrate the visit of the Magi, the Wise Men, to the infant Christ. The love of God is today shown to include those outside the old religious rules and challenges us to look at our practise. There is a loop system for those with assisted hearing.

The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing this hymn:

**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 let 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**

The Greeting

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

The Mass is introduced and we are invited to remember our sins and to confess them to God.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**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 Opening Prayer is then sung. We respond with **Amen** and then sit to hear God's word.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We hear a reading from Scripture before and after the Psalm. The psalm follows the first reading. At the end the reader says

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

Psalm Response

We sing the response to be found below

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel

After the second reading, we stand to herald the Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia,

The Gospel is announced, and all respond

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.



*Have a very
Happy & Blessed
Christmas*

*from all at
St John's, Fulham*

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Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give in deep devotion
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee with God the Father
and the Spirit glory be.

*We remain silent in prayer after the hymn and then stand with the celebrant for the **Prayers after Communion***

We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet prepared
for all peoples. Amen.

We sit to hear the notices, most of which can be found on the back of this sheet. After this we stand for the Blessing

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Thanks be to God.

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.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle 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.

Holy Jesus, 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 forever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

*You are invited to remain in church to hear the Organ Voluntary which tonight is J S Bach's chorale fantasia on the Christmas carol **In dulci jubilo** (BWV 729)*

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

We sit for the Homily or Sermon.

The Creed

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.
**We believe and declare that
our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother,
born in the world;
**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing
humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

Prayers of Intercession

We remain standing to prayer together. At the end of each petition this response is used

Lord of glory: **Hear our prayer.**

At the end, we ask Mary to pray with us and for us as we say

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace, of the
increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace. After this, the gifts of bread & wine and money are brought to the Altar as we sing the Offertory hymn

In the bleak mid-winter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter,
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
worship night and day,
a breast full of milk,
and a manger full of hay:
enough for him, whom angels
bow down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air -
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the beloved
with a kiss.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him -
give my heart.

After the hymn, this prayer is used

Pray, my brothers and sisters ...
**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.**

The celebrant sings a prayer over the gifts and we reply Amen.

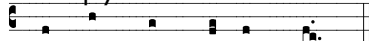
The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



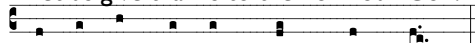
and al-so with you.

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.

*We remain standing to pray together as the celebrant praises
God for his mighty acts in the Preface and then all sing*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, your power and might.
*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'n
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'n.*

Blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd is he, blesséd is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. *Hosanna...*

The celebrant continues to praise God and then we respond

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen.

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.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

We remain standing to sing Lamb of God

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (x2)

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

The celebrant invites the people to Communion

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
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bring us to light and life.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if are confirmed or if
you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come
forward and bow your head for a blessing. Please follow the
directions of the Sidespeople. After all have received Communion,
we sing*

Earth has many a noble city;
Beth'lem, thou dost all excel:
Out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.