

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CARSHALTON

HIGH MASS



President & Preacher: Fr David Fisher, Rector

*Herbert Sumsion, Communion Service in G •
Willcocks, Whence is that goodly fragrance*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2025

A WARM WELCOME

to everyone this morning, whether you're an established worshipper, new, visiting or trying us out. God has been worshipped on this site since Saxon times and we continue the same ministry of worship, witness and pastoral care to the people of the Parish of Carshalton.

Baptised Christians from any Christian tradition are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward to the priest, bringing this booklet with you.

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Organ Prelude
Alan Bullard, Epiphany: Prelude

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the sacristy bell rings, to sing the entrance carol:

**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.**

**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.**

The President greets everyone:

Brothers and sisters, we gather for worship in the name of ✠ the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

The President adds other words of welcome, then the Deacon introduces the Prayers of Confession:

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The choir sings Kyrie Eleison between each bidding:

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

The President pronounces the Absolution:

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
✠ forgive you your sins and make you holy

to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The choir sings 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.*

Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh, let
us pray.

Silent prayer; then the President prays the Collect for the Day.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please SIT

A reading from the prophecy of 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.

Isaiah 60:1-6

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

This is the reason that 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 to 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 to 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.

Ephesians 3:1-12

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND to sing the Gradual Carol:

**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.**

We sing the Gospel Acclamation, which heralds the Gospel:



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

The choir sings the verse:

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

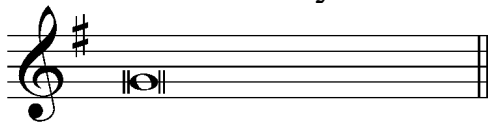
We sing the Acclamation again:



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

Then:

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



^{Org.}
Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

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.

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



An organ fanfare sounds, in honour of the Gospel.

The figures of the Magi are then placed in the Crib.

At the offering of gold:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever. As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire, so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood acceptable in the service of your
kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever. As our prayer rises up before
you as incense, so may we be presented before you with penitent
hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your priestly service.
Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever. As you give medicine to heal
our sickness and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the
nations, so anoint us with your healing power that we may be the
first-fruits of your new creation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The address follows.

We pause briefly to reflect on what we've heard, then STAND to affirm our Faith:

I believe in one God
**the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all
things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of
Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who
for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and
was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was
made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again
with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The prayers of intercession follow:

Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

After each bidding is used:

Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The prayers end

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please STAND as the President introduces the Peace:

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 always with you;
and with thy spirit.

Let us offer a sign of Christ's Peace.

The Altar is prepared, during which we sing the Offertory carol:

**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.**

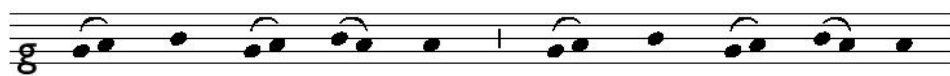
The president takes the bread and wine and says:

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

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

May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.



The Lord be with you **R.** and with thy spi-rit.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them up un-to the Lord.



Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.



R. It is meet and right so to do.

The President continues the prayer, thanking God for all his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:

(....and sing our joyful hymn of praise:)

The choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus:

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.

The President continues the prayer, repeating the Lord's own words over the bread and wine and asks the Father to send the Spirit on them to sanctify them. Then:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The President continues the Eucharistic Prayer, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end:

..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has four measures, each with a marking above it: 'R.', 'C.', 'R.', and 'C.'. The lyrics are 'A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men,'. The second staff has two measures, each with a marking above it: 'R.' and 'C.'. The lyrics are 'A - - - men, A - - - men.'.

Silence

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,...

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt y nefoedd

Notre père, qui es aux cieux.....

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지....

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel....

Nna-ayi, Nke bi n'elu-igwe....

The President breaks the consecrated bread:

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

The choir sings Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy upon us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread always.

All who are Baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive a blessing instead, come forward, bringing this booklet with you. Please follow the direction of the stewards.

All worshipping online make their Spiritual Communion, using the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, grant, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

During the administration, the choir sings the following motet:

*Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away?
Never the like did come a-blowing, shepherds, in flowery fields in May,
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away?*

*What is that light so brilliant, breaking here in the night across our eyes?
Never so bright, the daystar waking, started to climb the morning skies!
What is that light so brilliant, breaking here in the night across our eyes.*

*Bethlehem! There in manger lying, find your Redeemer, haste away,
Run ye with eager footsteps hieing! Worship the Saviour born today.
Bethlehem! There in manger lying, find your Redeemer, haste away.*

*Praise to the Lord of all creation, glory to God the fount o grace;
May peace abide in every nation, goodwill in men of every race.
Praise to the Lord if all creation, glory to God the fount of grace.*

Text: French trad carol.
trans Allen Ramsey and David Willcocks

Music: French trad carol, arr David Willcocks

SILENT PRAYER when all have received Holy Communion. The President then prays the Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Any notices follow. Please then STAND

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

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.

May God,
who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place
with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Amen.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts
and fill your lives with his joy and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
this Epiphany and always.
Amen

We sing the final carol, during which the Altar party and choir process to the west end:

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where thy lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!***

**They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night:**

**And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went:**

**This star drew nigh to the north-west;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay:**

**Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:**

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind hath bought:**

Words: traditional.

Tune: *The First Nowell*, English trad melody; harmony by John Stainer 1840-1901

Please turn to face the southwest door as the Deacon dismisses the Eucharistic assembly:

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

***Organ voluntary:
Herbert Sumsion, Prelude on 'Liebster Immanuel'***

Please take this booklet away with you.

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very Happy New Year
from Fr David,
the Ministry Team
and their families!*