

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

Amen

The Mass is ended. Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Thanks be to God.

How to Bless your Home using the Epiphany Chalk

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your main door as follows:

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Christus Mansionem Benedicat

(CMB stands for *May Christ bless this dwelling place*

or the 3 Kings, traditionally Caspar (Europe), Melchior (Asia) and Balthasar (Africa).

while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ,

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In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Ophélie Goubault, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Amy Linton, Mirentxu Le Maire, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Brenda Brady, those who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's, Paris

The Epiphany : 3rd January 2021

A warm welcome to St George's worship this week—online or in person Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings **O Magnum Mysterium** by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611), the motet during Communion will be **We three Kings** arr. by Peter Hicks..

Sunday 3rd	The Epiphany 0830 Holy Communion (1662) 1030 Solemn Eucharist 1630 Messe Malgache
Monday 4th	<i>Christmas Feria</i>
Tuesday 5th	<i>Christmas Feria</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 6th	<i>Christmas Feria—12th Day of Christmas</i> 1200 Mass
Thursday 7th	<i>Christmas Feria</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 8th	<i>Christmas Feria</i> 1200 Mass
Saturday 9th	<i>Christmas Feria</i> 1200 Mass
Sunday 10th	The Baptism of Christ 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Mass

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**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 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 heav'nly 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 for ever may we sing Alleluyas to our King.**

Greeting

+ 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 also with you.

The celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together.

Penitential Rite

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Gloria

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Invitation to Communion

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. If you don't want to receive Holy Communion you may like to use the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.
As though you were already there I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you. Amen.*

Please follow the directions of the Sides-people.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

Blessing of Chalk

Please pick up your chalk after as you leave via the parish hall.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

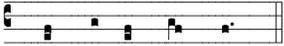
Blessing

**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 forever, That name to us is Love.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



Gradual

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. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Sermon

Please be seated for the sermon.

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Merbecke)

We 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.

Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Lord God : **we offer you ourselves.**

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

Peace

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

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace without touching—please use the Namaste or a bow of the head (a smile is really good too!). Our financial offering will be brought up by the Sidespeople from the Lower Landing table.

**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;**