

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

Amen

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,

Notices :

Christmas Communion: The clergy are very willing to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. Please let us know of anyone who should be contacted..

A warm welcome to Fr Andrew Bowyer, Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College Oxford, who is our guest preacher at 1030.

Next Sunday, the 14th January we welcome +David Hamid and his wife, Colleen. This will be his last visit before his retirement.

The next Conférence Musicale will be on Thursday 25th January at 1900h here in church. Peter Hicks will give a talk, in French with musical accompaniment, lasting about an hour entitled: Batailles sur un clavier. Raconter l'histoire militaire en musique.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Louise Breda, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deirdre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Elizabeth Durand, Tina Fitzpatrick, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Rev'd Richard Hicks, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, Ernest Jeyam, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Fr Carl Schaefer, Bishop Alan Smith, Fr Alan Warren, Betty Warrick, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Val, **Those who have died:**

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St George's, Paris

The Epiphany : 7th January 2024

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—**please note the seasonal changes to the text.** Today the choir will sing the **Communion Service in F** by Harold Darke (1888-1976) and the anthem during Communion is **Bethlehem Down** by Peter Warlock (1894-1930).

Sunday 7th

0830

1030

1630

The Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662)

Solemn Eucharist

Messe Malgache

Cel:

Pr:

Cel: Pr:

Monday 8th

1800

1830

The Baptism of Christ

Evensong

Eucharist

Tuesday 9th

0915

1800/1830

Epiphany Weekday

Morning Prayer

Evensong/Eucharist

Wednesday 10th

1200

1800/1815

William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury

Eucharist

Evensong/Adoration of the Sacrament

Thursday 11th

0915

1800/1830

Mary Slessor, missionary in West Africa

Morning Prayer

Evensong/Eucharist

Friday 12th

1800/1830

Aelred of Hexham, abbot of Riveaux

Evensong/Eucharist

Saturday 13th

1200

1800

Hilary of Poitiers, Teacher; Mungo, bishop; George Fox, fdr.

Eucharist

Eucharistie en français

Cel JJ

Pr JJ

Sunday 14th

0830

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1630

2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

Solemn Eucharist

Office Malgache

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Pr: +DH

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 47).

**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.**

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

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. **Please do not intinct—it is forbidden by our bishops and dangerous for coeliacs.** Please follow the directions of the Sides-people. If you are watching online or 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.*

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.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 49)

**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.**

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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.

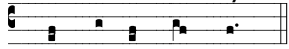
Blessing

**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.**

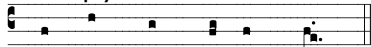
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



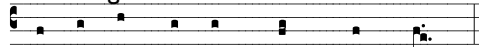
and also with you.

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.

The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

During the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the mystery of faith by using the following:

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. We remain standing to pray together

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

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.

*As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing the **Agnus Dei.***

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, have mercy upon us.

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

mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for this day (Psalm 72.10-15).

*The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents * the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him * all nations shall do him service. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth * the needy also, and him that hath no helper. He shall be favourable to the simple and needy * and shall preserve the souls of the poor. He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong * and dear shall their blood be in his sight. He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia * prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 48).

**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.

Creed

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.

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.

Please stand for the hymn. During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically? The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 55).

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;