

*Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green*

*Proclaiming Jesus, changing lives, serving our community*

## **All Saints' Church, Sanderstead**



### **PARISH EUCHARIST**

**9.30am Sunday 2nd January 2022**

**The Festival of the Epiphany, with Invitation to Renewal of Covenant**

*Happy New Year! Welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, to All Saints' Church today - whether you are with us in person or watching this service on-line.*

*"Epiphany" means "appearance" or "manifestation". It can refer to a moment of revelation or realisation, and for Christians it is a festival at which we recall that God's purpose in Jesus Christ was for the salvation of the whole world and not just his own people, the Jews.*

*Please wait in silence and prepare for worship. You may find it helpful to look at the words of the Invitation to Renewal of Covenant, after the communion; "I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose".*

## *Welcome and Introduction*



### *Opening Hymn:*

**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 their precious gifts they laid,  
At thy manger, roughly made  
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, ev'ry 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 heav'nly 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  
Allelujahs to our King.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) alt.

*The Preparation*

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 of glory be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

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

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**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 minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today*

**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 our Lord.  
Amen.**

***The Liturgy of the Word***



**Psalm 98** - *we say together:*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**2 The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;**

5 make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,

**6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.

**8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

9 let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Magi Visit the Messiah*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

<sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

"Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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

*Sermon by Revd Jeremy Groombridge*



## Choir Anthem

*Christ was born in Bethlehem - John Jones*

*[Christ was born in Bethlehem, the Lord of all the earth.  
We, as did once the shepherds, hail his birth.  
We sing now of three monarchs who travelled from afar,  
guided to baby Jesus by a star.  
Their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh they did bring,  
and offered them to the infant king.  
God redeemed the world when Christ's birth came to pass.  
Therefore we sing praises: Deo gratias!]*



## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**



*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

*These prayers end with...*

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***



*The priest greets the people in 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 always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*The table is prepared. The bread and wine are brought forward.  
The collection is taken.*



*Hymn: What child is this, who laid to rest*



**WHAT CHILD IS THIS, WHO LAID TO REST**

On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come, peasant, king, to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary

William Chatterton Dix

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The gifts of the people are collected and presented*

*The following may be said:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
You bring forth bread from the earth

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
You create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer E)**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said,  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you,  
gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.



As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins,**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest 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 Invitation*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the Glory of God the Father.**

*The Eucharistic ministers come forward. These words are sung:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

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

*The Holy Communion is distributed.*

*Everyone is invited. All who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are welcome. The stewards will guide you.*

*If you would prefer to partake in just one form - a wafer - please indicate by saying "one" to the Priest. If you would like both bread and wine please say "both" and the Priest will then dip your wafer in the wine and place it in your hands. When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the elements.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing.*

## *Time of Quiet*

<i>Prayer after Communion</i>
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All praise to you,  
Almighty God and Heavenly King  
who sent your son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin;  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**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 notices and announcements.*

*Invitation to renewal of Commitment to Christ*

God made a covenant with the people of Israel,  
Calling them to be a holy nation,  
chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love  
by finding delight in the law.  
The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in his life, work, death and resurrection.  
in him all people may be set free from sin and its power,  
and united in love and obedience.

In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ.  
For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God.  
We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us,  
To renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

*(Silence)*

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
let us again accept our place within this covenant  
which God has made with us  
and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples.  
This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit,  
we accept God's purpose for us,  
and the call to love and serve God  
in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done:  
some are easy, others are difficult;  
some bring honour, others bring reproach;  
some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests;  
others are contrary to both;  
in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;  
in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.  
Yet the power to do all these things  
is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

Eternal God,  
in your faithful and enduring love  
you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.  
In obedience we hear and accept your commands;  
In love we seek to do your perfect will;  
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

**We are no longer our own but yours.  
I am no longer my own but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
wherever you may place me,  
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;  
when there is work for me and when there is none;  
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.**

**Your will be done  
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;  
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;  
when I have all things and when I have nothing.**

**I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you,  
as and where you choose.  
Glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
May it be so for ever.**

**Let this covenant now made on earth  
be fulfilled in heaven.  
Amen.**

*Our Parish Prayer*

**God of hope and love,  
You have called us to proclaim the saving power of the name  
of Jesus Christ throughout our neighbourhood,  
sharing the Good News of his love which changes our lives.**

**We offer ourselves in service to you and seek your guidance.**

**As we worship, learn, tell and serve,  
May we know the power of your Spirit among us;  
May our homes and our churches be places of welcome and  
safety;  
May many come to know the forgiveness and peace that are  
found in Jesus alone;**

**May we find joy as we follow him day by day,  
with courage to speak out against injustice,  
a willing spirit to reach out and care for one another and for  
our community,  
and a new respect for the beautiful world in which you have  
placed us;**

**May your kingdom come, your will be done and your love be  
known by all.  
Amen.**

*Prayer of God's Blessing*

May God the Father keep you in all your days.  
May God the Son shield you in all your ways.  
May God the Holy Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.

**Amen**



**O WORSHIP THE LORD** in the beauty of holiness,  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him; the Lord is His name.

Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name.

John S. B. Monsell.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen**

*Voluntary: Te Deum Prelude - Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

*God's richest blessings for the New Year 2022.*

*Please remember Martin and Emma in your prayers as their last Sunday in Sanderstead draws near - 23 January - and as they prepare to move to Chichester.*