



All-Age Service
Sunday 7 January 2018
Epiphany – Offer Your Gift

The service will be led by the Vicar, Revd Canon Jonathan Baker, the Youth and Children's Minister, Ben Merrell and the All-Age Team

★ We Gather Together

Welcome and Notices

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

I will give you as a light to the nations,
That my salvation will reach to the ends of the earth

Isaiah 49.6

Stand

Hymn

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

Text: John H Hopkins

Tune: Kings of Orient

As we kneel with the Magi before the new-born Christ child,
we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Silence

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with Good News for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

*And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor. *And here I am...*

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross X 2

And here I am...

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Into the darkness of this world,
Into the shadows of the night;
Into this loveless place You came,
Lightened our burdens, eased our pain,
And made these hearts Your home.
Into the darkness once again –
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come with Your love
To make us whole,
Come with Your light
To lead us on,
Driving the darkness
Far from our souls:
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Into the longing of our souls,
Into these heavy hearts of stone,
Shine on us now Your piercing light,
Order our lives and souls aright,
By grace and love unknown,
Until in You our hearts unite –
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come. *Come with your love...*

O Holy Child, Emmanuel,
Hope of the ages, God with us,
Visit again this broken place,
Till all the earth declares Your praise
And Your great mercies own.
Now let Your love be born in us,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come in Your glory,
Take Your place,
Jesus, the Name above all names,
We long to see You face to face,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

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Collect (*Prayer for the Day*)

**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit

★ We Listen to God's Word

Bible Reading 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

Stand

King of Kings, Majesty,
God of heaven, living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End
All within me falls at Your throne

Earth and heaven worship You,
God Eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty*

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Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you
We turn to you
Hope is stirring,
hearts are yearning for you
We long for you

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom
broken lives are made new
You make all things new

When we see you
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away

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*Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

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**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God:
we offer you ourselves.

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



Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Stand

Offertory Hymn

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.

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Words: J.S.B. Monsell

Tune: WAS LEBET

Blessing and Dismissal

Father of all,
you have given us your Son to be the Saviour of the world.
Welcome us your children into your kingdom
to enjoy your presence now and for ever.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace

**We go into the world
To walk in God's light,
To rejoice in God's love
And to reflect God's glory. Amen**



You are invited to coffee in the South Transept after the service.

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