



Richmond
Team Ministry



Sung Eucharist

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The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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WELCOME to St John's this morning on the Second Sunday of Epiphany!



The set Gospel for this Sunday in Epiphanytide tells the story of 'the first of the signs that Jesus did and manifested forth his glory'; the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11). I love this miracle, though John doesn't call it a miracle, he rightly calls it a sign. It is a sign that points to so many profound and liberating things about the God whom Jesus reveals to us; His delight in and concern for our own personal life and loves, attested by His presence at the wedding feast, His abundant generosity in more than meeting our needs in the midst of everyday life, His call to us to move from the mere outward purity, symbolised by the water for ritual

washing, to a transformation of inward joy, symbolised by the wine. But most importantly, this sign points to the gift of His very self, His own heart's blood, given once for all on the cross and received by us in Holy Communion.

Epiphany at Cana by Malcolm Guite

Here's an epiphany to have and hold,
A truth that you can taste upon the tongue,
No distant shrines and canopies of gold
Or ladders to be clambered rung by rung,
But here and now, amidst your daily living,
Where you can taste and touch and feel and see,
The spring of love, the fount of all forgiving,
Flows when you need it, rich, abundant, free.

Better than waters of some outer weeping,
That leave you still with all your hidden sin,
Here is a vintage richer for the keeping
That works its transformation from within.
'What price?' you ask me, as we raise the glass,
'It cost our Saviour everything he has.'

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Mass Setting: *Mass of St Thomas* - David Thorne

Prelude: *The organ is played before our worship.*

The Gathering

*When the bell rings we stand to sing the **Gathering Hymn.***

**1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Joyce Placzek, (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)
A&M 713

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Joe welcomes the congregation.

Prayers of Penitence

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

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and
deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we
shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Joe says:

May God who is both power and love
have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free;
know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in
life eternal. **Amen.**

The Gloria

*Refrain: **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!***

**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. *Refrain***

**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. *Refrain***

**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. *Refrain***

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 for the readings and the psalmody.

The First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (62.1-5).

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody

*The Choir sings **Psalm 36.5-10** and the congregation are invited to join in singing the **Response**.*

Response: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. **R**

7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights. **R**

9 For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart. **R**

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12.1-11).

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn.***

**I O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

**2 The flower of earthly splendour
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown -
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the Man from heaven
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory!**

**3 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.**

Michael Perry (1942–1996)
A&M 743

Please remain standing and turn to face the reader.

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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A seasonal sentence is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Joe says:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(2.1-11). **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Joe Moore, Team Vicar

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please remain standing. Joe introduces the peace with the following sentence:

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We stand to sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

**1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found —
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight —
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

David Evans (b. 1957)
A&M 358

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The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Joe says:

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.

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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Divine, Mary Magdalene, Matthias and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Joe 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.**

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

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have mercy on us.**

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

The Giving of Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Joe and the people receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St John's today, but if you would prefer to receive a blessing then please carry this order of service with you.

*During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:
Behold how good and joyful by Thomas Clarke*

The Prayer after Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Prayer is said together.

**God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

*We stand to sing the **Post-Communion Hymn.***

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**
- 2 Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**
- 3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.**
- 4 Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**
- 5 Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;**
- 6 Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

A&M 721

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
And gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The organ is played as the procession departs. Please remain standing until the procession reaches the back of church.

*You are warmly invited to stay with us for refreshments
after the service.*

LOOKING AHEAD...

Team Service for Candlemas
Sunday 2nd February 10:30am
at St Mary Magdalene

Team Service
St Matthias Patronal Festival
Sunday 23rd February 10:30am
at St Matthias

*Please note there will not be services at St John's
on these Sundays.*

Beginning of Lent

Team Service for Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 5th March 7:30pm
at St John the Divine

Regular Worship at St John's



You are always welcome!

Sunday

Sung Eucharist

11:00am - 12:15pm

Tuesday

Morning Prayer

8:30am - 8:50am

Silent Contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm - 6:50pm

Said Eucharist

7:00pm - 7:30pm

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Most Saturdays

10am - 12 Noon