



Holy Trinity Geneva

THE EPIPHANY

Common Worship Eucharist with Spiritual
Communion

5th January 2025 at 10h30



Photograph by Patrick Comerfield : 'The Adoration of the Magi - an
Ethopian artist's impression

THE GATHERING & WELCOME

We stand

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory
of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60.1

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.

Opening Prayer

Lord God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
To sing your praise with gratitude, And to listen
to your word with eagerness; Through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1 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.

3 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.

2 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.

4 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.

5 In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou it Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

Dix
C.Kocher (1786-1872)
W.H. Monk (1823-89)
W Chatterton (1837-1898)

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We sit

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

There is no other commandment greater than these,

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen, Lord have mercy.

Invitation

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.

Confession

Lord Jesus, you are mighty *God* and Prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of *God* and Son of *Mary*:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty *God*, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

We stand to sing

Glory be to *God* on high, *Alleluia!*

Peace to all beneath the sky, *Alleluia!*

Praise and blessing now we bring, *Alleluia!*

Worship, glory, to the King, *Alleluia!*

Praise to Christ, his only Son, *Alleluia!*

All our sin has he undone, *Alleluia!*

Grant us mercy, Lord, we pray, *Alleluia!*

And receive our prayer today, *Alleluia!*

For you are the Holy One, *Alleluia!*

Who, alone, the victory won, *Alleluia!*

With the Holy Spirit, Lord, *Alleluia!*

And the Father, glorious God, *Alleluia!*

Alexander Crawford
to be sung to the tune "Easter Hymn" (NEH 110)

COLLECT

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 60.1-6

We sit

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.

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

Psalm 72 vv10-15 *said antiphonally*

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles ' shall pay ' tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba ' shall bring ' gifts.
11 **All kings shall fall ' down be'fore him;**
all ' nations shall ' do him ' service.

12 For he shall deliver the ' poor that cry ' out,
the needy and ' those who ' have no ' helper.

13 He shall have pity on the ' weak and ' poor;
he shall pre'serve the ' lives of the ' needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from op'pression and ' violence,
and dear shall their ' blood be ' in his ' sight.

15 Long may he live;
unto him may be given ' gold from ' Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they ' bless him ' all the day ' long.

Epistle

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

We stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

SERMON – Canon Daphne Green

We sit

Affirmation of Faith

We stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We sit

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

Conclusion

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace and the Offertory

We stand

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

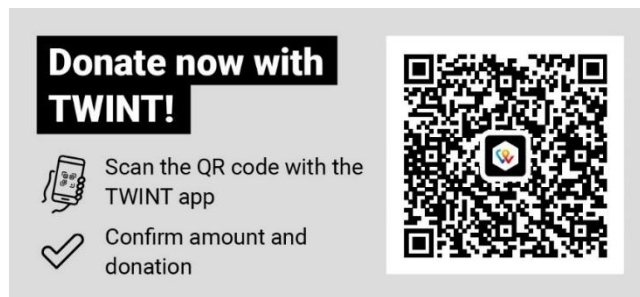
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness NEH 52

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We stand

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!

Was lebet
J.S.B.Monsell (1811-75)
Melody from the
Rheinhardt MS 1754

The table is prepared.

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We stand

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of the 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with 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

We sit

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

We invite you to come and to receive Communion at the transept, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those online)

Let us now prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

Post Communion Prayers

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.

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.

Notices

HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed

NEH 55

We stand

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5 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 for ever;
That name to us is Love.

Crüger

*Ad. WH Monk (1823-1889) from
a chorale by Crüger (1598-1662)
J Montgomery (1771-1854)
Based on Psalm 72*

Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from
light, lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place with
the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son. **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill our
lives with his joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Liz Kernen, Jonathan Bezzola, David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellerier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Chris Baron. May he rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

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Wednesday	1 Jan	10h CW Eucharist Online
Thursday	2 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday Epiphany	5 Jan	9h BCP Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h Epiphany Carol Service
Wednesday	8 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist Online
Thursday	9 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	12 Jan	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h Choral Eucharist
Wednesday	15 Jan	10h CW Eucharist Online
Thursday	16 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	19 Jan	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online 15h00 Christingle Service 18h00 CW Eucharist with prayers for healing, laying-on of hands and anointing.
Wednesday	22 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist Online
Thursday	23 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	26 Jan	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 All Age CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h Choral Evensong
Wednesday	29 Jan	BCP Eucharist Online
Thursday	30 Jan	10h BCP Eucharist in Church

