



# ROSSORRY

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## PARISH CHURCH

### The Light of God's Glory

*The Epiphany Procession*



RSCM

**Sunday 8th January 2023**

**7.00pm**

## THE GATHERING

Three wonders mark this holy day,  
as the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom.  
This day a star leads the wise men to the manger.

**All Alleluia.**

This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

**All Alleluia.**

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

**All Alleluia**

## Hymn 194

### Earth has many a noble city: .....

1. Earth has many a noble city;  
Bethl'hem, thou dost all excel:  
out of thee the Lord from heaven  
came to rule his Israel.

2. Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing  
seen in fleshly form on earth.

3. Eastern sages at his cradle  
make oblations rich and rare;  
see them give in deep devotion,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
incense doth their God disclose,  
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

5. Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped  
at thy glad Epiphany,  
unto thee ,with God the Father  
and the Spirit ,glory be.

**Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**All And also with you**

Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory,  
to drink from the waters of the new creation  
flowing from the river of life at your baptism.  
Give us the wings of the Spirit  
that we may hasten to meet you at your coming,  
and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**HYMN 198                      The first Nowell the angel did say    .....**

**1.** The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

**2.** Then wise men from a country far  
looked up and saw a guiding star;  
they travelled on by night and day  
to reach the place where Jesus lay:

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

3. At Bethlehem they entered in  
on bended knee they worshipped him;  
they offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

4. Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
for Christ has our salvation wrought  
and with his blood mankind has bought.

**The King of all the world is revealed to the Magi.**

All Arise, shine out, for your light has come  
**The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

All The nations will come to your light,  
**And kings to your dawning brightness.**

All They shall bring gold and frankincense  
**And proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

All Your gates will lie open continually  
**Shut neither by day nor by night.**

All No more will the sun give you daylight  
**Nor moonlight shine upon you.**

All But the Lord will be your everlasting light  
**Your God will be your splendour.**

**All** Arise, shine out , for your light has come  
**the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

**All** The nations will come to your light,  
**And kings to your dawn brightness.**

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### ***Acclamation***

Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe:  
You receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
May our prayer be set forth in your sight as in incense,  
and the lifting up of our hands  
be an evening sacrifice.

**All** **Blessed be God forever.**

### **HYMN 162**

### **In the bleak mid-winter .....**

In the bleak mid-winter frosty winds made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
a breast-ful of milk and a manger full of hay;  
enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb:  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

***Gospel Reading :***

**Matthew 2: 1-2, 8-11**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew,  
Chapter 2, reading from verse 1*

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 when it rose and have come to worship him.'

<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully 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 when it rose 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, frankincense and myrrh.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Collect.**

Let us pray.

*(silence is kept.)*

Eternal God,  
who by the shining star  
led the wise men to the worship of your Son:  
guide by his light the nations of the earth,  
that the whole world may behold your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All      Amen.**

**HYMN 201                      We three kings of Orient are; .....**  
*(verses 2, 3 & 4—choir solos)*

**1.** We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we travel afar  
field and fountain, moor and moun-  
tain,  
following yonder star:

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

**2.** Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again  
king for ever, ceasing never  
over us all to reign:

**3.** Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising gladly raising,  
worship him, God Most High:

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

**5.** Glorious now, behold him arise,  
King, and God, and Sacrifice!  
Heav'n sings alleluia, alle-  
-luia the earth replies:

**The new creation is revealed in the water made wine.**

This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem

Coming down out of heaven from God

**All Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

And I heard a great voice from the Throne, saying:

**All Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.**

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,

**All And God himself will be with them.**

Behold, I make things new:

**All I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift

**All From the spring of the water of life.**

***Acclamation***

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:

For the marriage of the Lamb has come.

Make your Church ready and clothe her

with the righteous deeds of the saints,

to join the praises of your new creation.

**All Blessed be God for ever,**

**HYMN 528      The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;**

1. The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation,  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.



*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John,  
Chapter 2, reading from verse 1.*

**All      Glory to you, O Lord**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

<sup>4</sup> 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

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<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All      Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Collect.**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty God, in Christ you made 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.

**All      Amen.**

**HYMN 197**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise.**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
    Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
        manifested by the star  
        to the Magi from afar,  
    branch of royal David's stem,  
    in your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
    and at Cana, wedding guest,  
    in your Godhead manifest;  
    manifest in pow'r divine,  
    changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
    God in man made manifest.
  
5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
    mirrored in your holy Word.  
    May our lives and all we do  
        imitate and honor you  
    that we all like you may be  
        at your great epiphany  
and may praise you, ever blest,  
    God in man made manifest.

**The Christ is revealed in the waters of baptism**

I will take you from the nations:  
**All and gather you from all the countries.**

I will sprinkle clean water upon you:  
**All and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.**

A new heart will I give you:  
**All and put a new spirit within you.**

You shall be my people:  
**All and I will be your God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:  
you bring waters out of the stony rock.  
For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.  
**All Blessed be God forever.**

**HYMN 200                      The sinless one to Jordan came .....**

**1.** The sinless one to Jordan came  
To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled  
And chose the path his Father willed.

**2.** Uprising from the waters there,  
The voice from heaven did witness bear  
That he, the Son of God, had come  
To lead his scattered people home.

**3.** Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 1: 4-5, 7-11**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark,  
Chapter 1, reading from verse 4*

**All      Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>7</sup> And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All      Praise to you, O Christ.**

God in Christ gives us the water  
welling up for eternal life.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

**All      Lord, give us this water,  
And we shall thirst no more.**

**Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us who are born again by water and the Spirit  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.

**All      Amen.**

**HYMN204**

**When Jesus came to Jordan .....**

1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon.  
but as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation,  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life,  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, ba[ptised in the river Jordan,  
for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
or your grace bestowed upon your children, washing away our sins.

So, Father, accept our sacrifice of praise;

By the power of your life-giving Spirit  
bless these waters of your new creation.

May we your servants who have been washed in them  
be made one with your Son, who took the form of a servant.

May your Holy Spirit, who has brought us to new birth  
in the family of your Church,

raise us in Christ, our anointed Lord,  
to full and eternal life.

For all might, majesty and dominion are yours, now and for ever.

**All Alleluia. Amen**

## HYMN 19

### There is no moment of my life

1. There is no moment of my life,  
no place where I may go,  
no action which God does not see,  
no thought he does not know.
2. Before I speak, my words are known,  
and all that I decide.  
To come or go: God knows my choice,  
and makes himself my guide.
3. If I should close my eyes to him,  
he comes to give me sight;  
if I should go where all is dark,  
he makes my darkness light.
4. He knew my days before all days,  
before I came to be;  
He keeps me, loves me, in my ways;  
no lover such as he.

### *The Renewal of the Covenant*

#### *Prayers of Penitence*

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 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.

If we confess our sins,  
God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins,  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied  
God's claim upon us.

*(silence is kept)*

**All      Have mercy on me, O God,  
            in your great goodness;  
            according to the abundance of your compassion  
            blot out my offences.  
            Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
            and cleanse me from my sin.  
            Make in me a clean heart, O God,  
            and renew a right spirit within me.  
            Give me again the joy of your salvation  
            and sustain me with your gracious spirit.**

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

**All      Amen.**

*(standing)*

*Renewal of the Covenant.*

Beloved in Christ,  
Let us again claim for ourselves  
this covenant which God has made with his people,  
and take upon us the yoke of Christ.  
This means that we are content  
that he appoint us our place and work,  
and that he himself be our reward.  
Christ has many services to be done;  
some are easy, others are difficult:  
some bring honour, others bring reproach;  
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.

**All I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you  
or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

*(keep silence)*



**HYMN 639**

**O Thou who camest from above, .....**

1. O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!
2. There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.
4. Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*The Prayers*

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor  
and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit

**All bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world  
the good news of your healing love.

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the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit

**All bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn,  
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

**All**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here  
for you to save your people.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

**All**

Believing in the promises of God,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All**

**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.**

May God the Creator, the rock of our salvation,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and forgiven all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

**All**

**Amen.**

Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN S88**

**Christ is our Light!**

1.Christ is our light! the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.

2.Christ is our love! baptised that we may know  
the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

3.Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.  
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.

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 also in your pilgrimage to find God  
**Amen.**

**All**

May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine at the wedding feat at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
**Amen.**

**All**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who came upon the beloved Son  
at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.  
**Amen**

**All**

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

**All**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**All**



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