

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
10.00AM FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST**

5 January 2025

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TE WHAKAATURANGA**

Presider and Preacher
The Reverend Ivica Gregurec, *Cathedral Precentor*

Liturgist
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Cantor
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Organist
Peter Watts

Setting
Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne



Welcome to the Cathedral Eucharist.

Please stand, when the Bell is rung. At any time in the service when we invite you to stand, you are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Processional Hymn

1

As with gladness kings 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 cradle plain and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee for whom we sing.

2

As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to thy lowly 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 Jesus, every day
keep us faithful in the way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our faithful 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 its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Text: W. C. Dix

Tune: Dix, AM 94

The Gathering

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou.

Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki.

(The Lord be with you.)

(The Lord bless you.)

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā. This is the day which the Lord has made.

Kia hari, kia koa tātou. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please sit.

The Confession

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,

turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.
Merciful God,
we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie is sung by the cantor and congregation.

mf
 (Organ) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
f
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
mf
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Through the cross of Christ,
 God 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.

Please stand.

Gloria - repeat after cantor at beginning and as indicated.

ff
 (Organ) Glo-ry to God, Glor-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R.**

He shall deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor who have no helper.
He shall have pity on the weak and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor. *R.*

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

1

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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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.

Text: J. S. B. Monsell

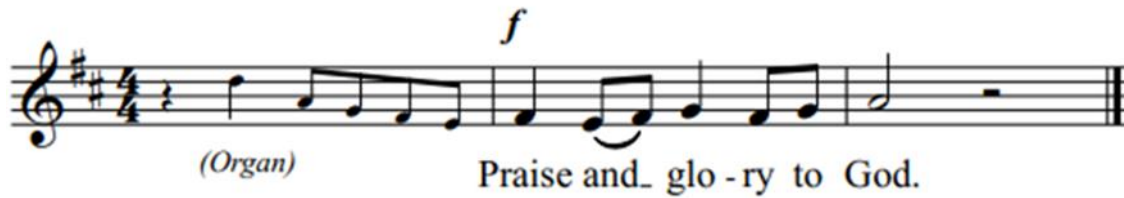
Tune: Was lebet, AM 103

Gospel Acclamation - all repeat after the cantor.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



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

This is the Gospel of Christ.



Sermon **Fr Ivica Gregurec**

Following the Sermon, we pause to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand.

The Altar party processes to the baptismal font.

The water is poured into the baptismal font then the Presider blesses the water.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore filled with joy, we celebrate the day when your Son, Jesus Christ, was baptised in the waters of Jordan.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider leads people into Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

E te whānau a te Karaiti, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which we shall use to recall our baptism. May God's Spirit renew us and keep us faithful to the faith of our baptism, which we now profess.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Presider sprinkles the congregation in remembrance of our baptism and the Altar party returns to their seats.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

Please sit.

To the bidding: **God of our searching,**
all respond: **be known to us as love.**

The Prayers conclude with the following Collect prayed by all.

**God of the universe, your good news is for all the peoples
of the earth. Hear our prayers and grant what we need
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Please turn and acknowledge those around you by offering a greeting of Peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist.

A Collection is taken at this stage.

Offertory Hymn

1

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

3

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God most high: *R.*

*Refrain. 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: *R.*

4

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

5

Glorious now behold him arise, king and God and sacrifice.
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia'; 'Alleluia,' the earth replies: *R.*

Text: J.H. Hopkins

Tune: Three Kings of Orient, AM 105

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, God of all creation,
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is our custom to stand throughout the following prayer.

(Presider) (All) *mf* (Presider) (All)

The Lord is__here God's spi-rit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest for the Presider, followed by a half note for the Presider and a half note for the All. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

(Presider) (All)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and__ praise

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole note for the Presider, followed by a half note for the Presider and a half note for the All. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

It is right indeed, everliving God,
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.
You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning.

When we sinned and turned away
 you called us back to yourself
 and gave your Son to share our human nature.
 In him the light which shines for all
 has come into the world,
 and he has become one with us
 that we may become one with you.
 In him you have made us a holy people
 by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.
 Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
 with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus are sung by the cantor and congregation.

mf
 (Organ) Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, hea-ven and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. *f* Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na_ in the high - est.
mf Bles-sed is he who comes in the name_ of the_ Lord. *f* Ho -
ff san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na_ in the_ high - est

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
 on the night before he died your Son,
 Jesus Christ, took bread;
 when he had given you thanks,
 he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 Take, eat, this is my body
 which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
 when he had given you thanks,
 he gave it to them and said:
 Drink this, all of you,
 for 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,
 to remember me.

Therefore loving God,
 recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
 his suffering and death,
 his resurrection and ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
 and this cup of salvation.
 And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
 which we offer through Christ our great high priest.
 Send your Holy Spirit
 that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
 may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
 and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
 may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.
 United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, O God,
 in songs of everlasting praise.



Silence may be kept.

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us 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.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Bread is broken in silence.

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

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

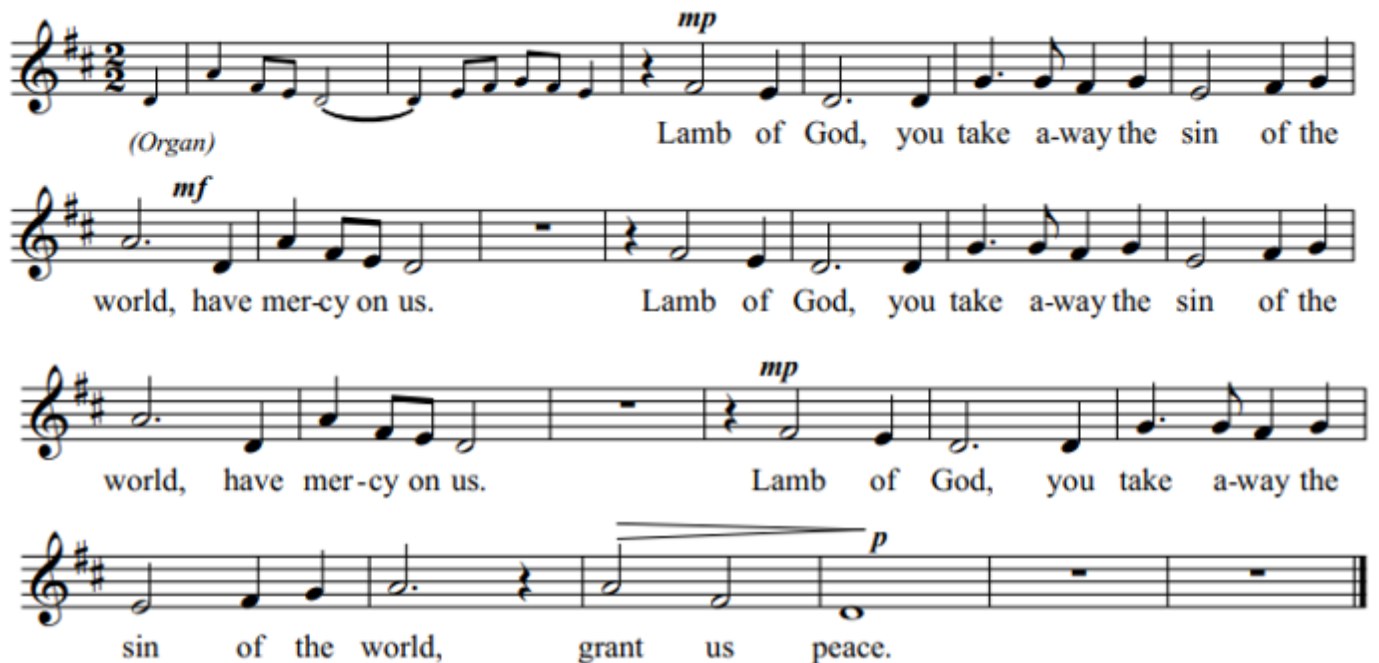
Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour

Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei is sung by the Cantor and congregation.



(Organ) *mp* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

mf world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

mp world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

p sin of the world, grant us peace.

All those who are baptised are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. If you feel uncertain about sharing a common cup, to receive the bread only is to receive a full Communion.

Please indicate to the administrant if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please fold your arms across your chest.

As you wait to receive and after returning to your seat, please observe silence and pray for those around you. The Presider will distribute communion at the seats of those who have reduced mobility.

The cantor will sing during the Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Thanksgiving and love and praise to you Jesus Christ.

You are God revealed in human form;
you are the baby visited by the shepherds,
the boy in the temple learning the law;
the man baptised in water and the Spirit
driven to the desert to face the tempter.

You are Christ the teacher, Christ the healer.
You went to Jerusalem to give your life as a ransom for us all.
**May we who have been your guests at this communion
reveal your life to all the world.**
**May we be no longer your servants, but know your will,
and be your friends.**
**You give us your life, may we be worthy of it;
you give us yourself, may we embody you.**

Final Hymn

1

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

2

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Text: C. Wordsworth, AM 104

3

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in man made manifest.

4

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

Tune: St George's Windsor, AM 282

The Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace: and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal of the Community

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Organ Sortie *played by the Organist.*

Please stand while the Altar party leaves.

You are warmly invited to remain for the Sortie and beyond, to pray and reflect.

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**Loving God, the source of all life, as we worship you and
rejoice at your presence in our midst;
open our hearts that we may always be a welcoming and
nourishing community; empowering each other to be
active in your service, through Jesus Christ, Redeemer of
the world. Amen.**

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