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Benefice Sung Mass Common Worship (Order One)

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday, 18th January 2026**

**Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Edward Gunn, SSC
(Assistant Curate)**

THE GATHERING

Stand when the Sacristy bell is rung.

The Entrance Hymn is sung as the ministers come to the altar.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Greeting

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

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

The priest introduces the Eucharist.

Kneel or sit for the Prayers of Penitence

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.**

The Kyrie eleison is sung kneeling or sitting

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

The priest says

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

Stand for Gloria in Excelsis

**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.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
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.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**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. Amen. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

The priest then says Let us pray.

Remain standing for The Collect

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

All sit and listen to the readings.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb
he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of
his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid
me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will
be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength
for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my
reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the
womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might
be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my
God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that
you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore
the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my
salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the
Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred
by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes,

and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 49:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

R I love to do your will, O God.

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. **R**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and stand in awe and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

R

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you. O that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count. **R**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure you have given me ears to hear you; Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, 'Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: "I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."' **R**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know. Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. **R**

Psalm 40:1-11

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing

of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Behold, the Lamb of God: who takes away the sin of the world. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

John 1:29-42

Sit for the Homily

A period of reflection follows the homily.

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these'.

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Stand for the Affirmation of Faith

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 *(Bow at the mention of the Incarnation)*
**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.

The priest then says Let us pray.

*Kneel or sit for **The Prayer of the Faithful***

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

After each clause one of the following responses may be used.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

or

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

At the end of the petitions, the reader may introduce a period of silence in which personal petitions may be offered. After the silence, the priest concludes the prayers, by saying

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand for **The Peace***

The priest says

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.'

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

*During the **Offertory Hymn** the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

*Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)
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*The **Prayer over the Gifts** is said by the priest.*

Lord, make us worthy to celebrate
the Supper of the Lord,
for as often as we do this

to celebrate his sacrifice,
the work of our redemption is made present.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing throughout **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 in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread
and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking
bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance
of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said: 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. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with

confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Our Lady Saint Mary, our holy father Benedict, Saint Columba, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ✠ all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The priest invites the people to join in reciting 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 priest continues

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

The Agnus Dei is said as the bread is broken

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

Giving of Communion

The priest then holds up the broken host and says

Jesus is 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.**

*The priest receives communion and then says the **Communion Antiphon.***

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

1 John 4:16

All baptised Christians, who are in love and charity with their neighbours, are invited to receive Holy Communion, in one or both kinds.

*If you are uncomfortable receiving the chalice, we ask that for reasons of hygiene you **do not intinct** (dip the host) in the chalice, but receive only the host. Holy Communion is received fully in either the host or the chalice.*

Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those watching the live streamed service you may wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion, giving thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and asking him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

A period of reflection is observed while all continue to make their thanksgiving.

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

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Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

*John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)
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The priest then says Let us pray.

Stand for the Post Communion Prayer

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.**

The Dismissal

The priest says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The priest then blesses the people.

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest dismisses the congregation with these words

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

The Recessional Hymn is sung.

Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad

his wonderful name;
the name all victorious
of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious,
and rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
almighty to save;
and still he is high:
his presence we have:
the great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God
who sits on the throne!
let all cry aloud,
and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus
the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,
and give him his right:
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing,
with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*During the **Recessional Hymn** the ministers go to the image of Our Lady and Child where the **Angelus** is said.*

Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy Word.

Hail, Mary...
Holy Mary...

And the Word was made flesh. *(Bow or genuflect)*
And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary...
Holy Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Postlude is played as the ministers return to the sacristy.



Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome

The reason Agnes is one of the most well-known and widely-venerated of the early Roman martyrs is perhaps because of the expression of mature resilience and sheer bravery in a thirteen-year-old girl. Agnes is reputed to have refused an arranged marriage because of her total dedication to Christ and stated that she preferred even death of the body to the death of her consecrated virginity. The growing veneration for the state of consecrated virginity at this time, combined with the last, major Roman persecution under the emperor Diocletian, climaxing in the shedding of an innocent virgin-child's blood willingly for Christ, placed her at the forefront of veneration almost from the moment the persecution ended. She is believed to have died in the year 304 and her feast has ever since been celebrated on 21st January.

Where there is no love, put love and you will draw out love.

St John of the Cross



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