

### **Face Coverings**

*As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church, unless you are in a specified category which exempts you from wearing a mask.*

*Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.*

### **Contact Tracing**

*As you have booked in with the Rector for this service, those details will be used for Contact Tracing should someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. **Please contact the Rector should you be diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of attending this service.***

### **The Greeting**

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

### **Hymn No. 189 (Dix)**

*[Verses 1 and 5]*

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 Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

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 for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.



### **Epiphany-tide Reflections**

We have journeyed through Advent.  
We have rejoiced with the shepherds.  
We have welcomed the birth of Christ.

We now travel with the wisemen,  
looking for the signs of God to bring  
us to God; to help us to see him anew  
and to grow in him.

Gladly, O God, we come together,  
here in this place, to seek your deeper  
presence in the silence.

*Silence*

We bring before you our wounds and  
our weariness from life's journey.  
**Together we look with hopeful  
expectation to find the star which  
signals your arrival.**

We bring our joys and our fun from life's journey.

***Together we look with hopeful expectation to find the star which signals your arrival.***

We bring the people that we have shared that journey with; the richness they have brought to life's journey.

***Together we look with hopeful expectation to find the star which signals your arrival.***

Thankfully, we come forward to kneel and to receive the glory of your presence.

***With our little gifts we are humbled before you.***

And we find among the straw, in the misty breath of the animals,  
***that you have come more humanly than we could imagine.***

### The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

***Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*[Silence]*

### **The Penitential Kyries for Epiphany**

God be merciful to you and bless us, and make his face shine on us.

Lord, have mercy.

***Lord, have mercy.***

May your ways be known on earth, your saving power to all nations.

Christ, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,

and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

Lord, have mercy.

***Lord, have mercy.***

### **Gloria in Excelsis:**

#### **Hymn No. 155 (Branle de l'Official)**

*[Verses 1 and 2]*

Ding dong! merrily on high  
in heav'n the bells are ringing:

ding dong! Verily the sky  
is riv'n with angels singing:

*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
and io, io, io,  
by priest and people sungen:

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### The Collect of the Second Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of  
your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your  
love:  
Help us to walk in this light and dwell  
in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his  
joy:  
who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Collect for the Epiphany – 6<sup>th</sup> January

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 our Lord. **Amen.**



### Hymn - The Three Kings (Personent hodie)

[Verse 1]

In the dark of the night  
we have seen a strange sight  
of a new star's bright light  
calling us to follow,  
leave our sleepy hollow.  
Moving out each day  
on the unknown way...  
from the old to the new,  
asking, looking, seeking.

### The Holy Gospel - Matthew 2: 1-12

(Please remain standing)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to  
Matthew, chapter 2, beginning at verse 1.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

2In the time of King Herod, after  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem of  
Judea, wise men from the East came  
to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "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." '

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.'

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Hymn - The Three Kings (Personent hodie)**

[Verse 2]

O the nights are so cold  
and our camels are old,  
yet we go, brave and bold,  
facing many dangers  
through the lands of strangers.  
Moving out each day  
on the unknown way  
from the old to the new,  
asking, looking, seeking.

### **The Sermon**

### **Hymn - The Three Kings (Personent hodie)**

[Verse 3]

We have travelled so far  
guided by our new star  
to this byre door ajar.  
Nothing could be stranger;  
baby in a manger!  
Knowing from this day  
our new living way...  
from the old to the new  
Love, in straw, lies sleeping.

**An Affirmation of Faith for the  
Beginning of a New Year**

*(Please stand)*

***We believe in a God  
who cradles the universe,  
and wills it to renew itself,  
and wills us to care for it.***

***We believe in a God who lives  
amongst us and within in us;  
who meets our brokenness in the  
breaking of the bread;  
who knows the challenges of living,  
the pain of troubles and strife,  
the joy of loving and being loved.***

***We believe in a God who gazes with  
love and compassion on all that  
breathes and moves,  
who travels with us;  
who gives us hope that we may  
bring it to all who need it. Amen.***

*(Please kneel or sit)*

**Intercessions**

Lord God:

***we offer you ourselves.***

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



**The Introduction to the Peace  
for Epiphany**

*(Please stand) (page 207, L.P. p.131)*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. *cf Isaiah 9: 6,7*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

**Offertory Hymn No. 201 (Kings of Orient)**

*[Verses 1 and 5]*

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
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!*

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

**THE MINISTRY OF THE  
SACRAMENT**

## The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our passover has been  
sacrificed for us,  
**therefore let us celebrate the  
feast.**

## The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and  
praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God,  
at all times and in all places it is right  
to give you thanks and praise:  
for Jesus Christ our Lord  
who in human likeness revealed your  
glory,  
to bring us out of darkness  
into the splendour of his light:  
and so with all your people, with  
angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious  
name,  
for ever praising you and saying:  
**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!**

*(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator  
and sustainer of all things; you made  
us in your own image; male and female  
you created us; even when we turned  
away from you, you never ceased to  
care for us, but in your love and  
mercy you freed us from the slavery  
of sin, giving your only begotten Son  
to become man and suffer death on  
the cross to redeem us; he made  
there the one complete and all-  
sufficient sacrifice for the sins of  
the whole world: he instituted, and in  
his holy Gospel commanded us to  
continue, a perpetual memory of his  
precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he  
took bread; and when he had given  
thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks  
to you, he gave it to them, saying,  
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, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

***we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.***

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ***all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Breaking of the Bread

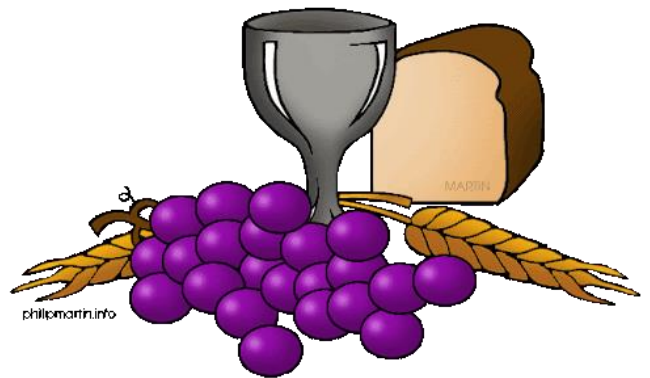
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

### The Invitation

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in the interests of having as little movement of the congregation as possible, please remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.*

### **The Communion**



### **The Great Silence**

*You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.*

### The Post Communion Prayer

***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 incarnate Son;***

***who suffered, died and was buried, and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.***

**A Prayer of Commitment for the New Year**

*Father,  
accept the gifts of our skills,  
our abilities and our weaknesses,  
and the offering of our hearts,  
at the beginning of this New Year  
that we may be guided and  
strengthened by your Spirit,  
and give ourselves in love and  
service to you and to one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



**The Blessing for Epiphany**

Christ the Son be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the  
world: and the Blessing . . .

**The Dismissal**

Rulers and nations,  
weak and powerful:  
***all are welcome to meet with God.***

Sons and daughters,  
rich and needy:  
***all are welcome to meet with God.***

Strong and mighty,  
weak and gentle:  
***all are welcome to meet with God.***

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

**Hymn No. 198 (The first Nowell)**

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor 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.*

They lookèd up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and  
night:

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country  
far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it  
went.



This star drew nigh to the north-  
west,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay:

Then entered in those wise men three  
most reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and  
frankincense:

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of  
nought,  
and with his blood mankind hath  
bought:

*Wishing you all  
a happy and healthy  
New Year.*

**MIDWEEK  
PRAYER AND CHAT**

***WEDNESDAY***  
***10.30-11.00***  
**via Zoom**

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## **REGISTER OF VESTRYPersons**

Every January, the register of Vestrypersons in each parish is updated. In order to be able to vote on any parish matter, or to vote in any parish elections, or to hold any office in the parish, such as serving on the Select Vestry, you must be registered as a Vestryperson. Forms are available from the Rector, please email her to get a form to enable you to register.

*The Register of Vestrypersons for  
**Boosterstown and Carysfort  
Parish***

*will be updated on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021,  
at a Zoom meeting of the Select  
Vestry.*

*The Register of Vestrypersons for  
**Mount Merrion Parish** will be  
updated on*

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021,  
at a Zoom meeting of the Select  
Vestry.*

# Colouring Pages





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**Matthew 2**

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