

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
commonly called

CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021

THE EPIPHANY

11.00

The Gathering of God's People

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 all; **and also with you.**

The 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.**

Penitence

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:

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the Absolution:

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

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.

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. 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.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

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.**

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-15

1. Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2. Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.**
3. May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4. May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.**
5. May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.**
7. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
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 before 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 preserve the lives of the needy.
14. **He shall redeem their lives from oppression 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.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

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.**

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St N.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All turn to face the reader

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 Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

The Most Revd Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough

The Installation of Tom Layden SJ as Ecumenical Canon

The Nicene Creed

please 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 of the Holy Spirit by 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 Prayers of the People

All sit or kneel

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

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

please stand

The Peace

The priest introduces the peace with these words

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 priest says

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

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The Preparation of the Altar

at the taking of the bread and wine the priest says

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us: nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

the priest says

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our 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!

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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, and 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

As our Saviour taught us we are bold to say
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 Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread for communion and says
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 Communion

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

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.**

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God, we seek your mercy: that by listening faithfully to your only Son, and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit, we may be your children in name and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

The priest blesses the people with these words

Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.