



The Church of the Advent

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 6th, 2023

Solemn Mass & Procession at Six-Thirty O'Clock

Missa "Dixit Maria" — Hans Leo Haßler (1564–1612)

Celebrant: Fr Macdonald-Radcliff

Prelude	<i>In dulci jubilo, BWV 751 & 729</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
	<i>In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude (1635–1707)
	<i>In dulci jubilo, op 28, n°16</i>	Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

At the Solemn Procession

- ℣. Let us go forth in peace.
℞. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

¶ *Please remain in place during the Procession. Following the Stations, the hymns are resumed.*

Hymn 124	<i>Quem stella sole pulchrior?</i>	<i>Puer Nobis</i>
Hymn 128	<i>We three kings of Orient</i>	<i>Three Kings of Orient</i>

Station at the Crèche

- ℣. We have seen his star in the East, Alleluia!
℞. **And are come to worship him, Alleluia!**

Let us pray.

O Blessed Jesus, who by the shining of a star didst manifest thyself to those who sought thee: Show thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find thee; and finding to rejoice in thee; and rejoicing, to present unto thee our selves, our souls, and bodies for thy service. Grant this, we beseech thee, O precious Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

Station at the Foot of the Altar

- ℣. The Gentiles shall come to thy light, Alleluia!
℞. **And kings to the brightness of thy rising, Alleluia!**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, the brightness of faithful souls, who didst bring the Gentiles to thy light and made known unto them him who is the true Light, and the bright and Morning Star: Fill the world, we beseech thee, with thy glory, and show thyself by the radiance of thy light unto all nations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introit *Ecce advenit dominator Deus*

Falsobordone by Healey Willan (1880–1968) / Tone II

Ant. Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the Kingdom, and power, and dominion.
Psalm. Give the King thy judgements O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. *Gloria Patri. Ant.*

Kyrie

KYRIE ELEISON.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te,
benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias
agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine
Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine
Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus
Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere
nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem
nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu
solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: ✠
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth peace,
good will towards men, we praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to
thee, for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten
Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins
of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at
the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art most
high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lesson *Isaiah 60:1–6,9*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Gradual *Omnes de Saba venient*

Mode V

All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense: and shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. *℣.*
Arise and shine, O Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Ÿ. Alleluia, R̄. **Alleluia.** Ÿ. We have seen his star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.
R̄. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1–12

R̄. **Glory be to thée, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

R̄. **Praise be to thée, O Christ.**

Hymn *See, amid the winter's snow*

Humility

¶ *Verses one & five are sung by the choir alone, verse five in the version by Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015)*

unison

Choir: 1 See, a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
All: 2 Lo, with - in a man - ger lies He Who built the star - ry skies;
3 Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say, What your joy - ful news to - day;
4 "As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a won - drous light;

See, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years!
He, Who throned in height sub - lime Sits a - mid the che - ru - bim!
Where - fore have ye left your sheep On the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
An - gels sing - ing peace on earth, Told us of the Sav - ior's birth."

Refrain, harmony; final Refrain, unison

The image shows a musical score for two stanzas of a hymn. The first stanza is 'Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!' and the second is 'Sing through all Je-ru-sa-lem, Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!'. The score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Choir: 5 Sacred Infant all divine,
What a tender love was Thine;
Thus to come from highest bliss,
Down to such a world as this!
Refrain

All: 6 Teach, O teach us, holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility!
Refrain

Words: Edward Caswall (1814–1878), in his *The Masque of Mary & Other Poems*, 1858
Music: John Goss (1800–1800), in his *Christmas Carols Old & New*, 1871

Sermon

Fr James

Nicene Creed

Credo III / Mode V, with Et Incarnatus by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

¶ See card in pew for music.

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: **And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;** Begotten of his Father before all worlds, **God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God;** Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: **Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried:** And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: **And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father:** And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. **And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;** Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: **And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church:** I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: **And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: ☩ And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

General Intercession

Confession of Sin

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution, and the people are seated for the Offertory Verse.*

Offertory Verse *Reges Tharsis et insulæ*

Mode II

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all kings shall fall down before him, all nations shall do him service.

Offertory Anthem *The Heavens' Flock*

Ēriks Ešenvalds (born 1977)

Stars, you are the heavens' flock tangling your pale wool across the night sky. Stars, you're bits of oily fleece catching on barbs of darkness to swirl in black wind. You appear, disappear by thousands, scattered wide to graze but never straying. While I, a mere shepherd of these words, am lost. What can I do but build a small blaze and feed it with branches the trees let fall: that twiggy clatter strewn along the ground. And lichen crusting such dead limbs glows silver, glows white. The earthfood for a fire so unlike and like your own. Oh, what can I do but build a small blaze. [*Paulann Petersen (born 1942) Oregon Poet Laureate Emerita*]

Sursum corda

Hymnal, S 112

☩. The Lord be with you.
☩. **And with thy spirit.**
☩. Lift up your hearts.
☩. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
☩. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
☩. **It is meet and right so to do.**

¶ *When the bell tolls three times, please kneel.*

Sanctus & Benedictus

SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ *Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*
Hosanna in excelsis.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

Prayer Book, page 334

Prayer for Peace

Ÿ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 R. And with thy spirit.

Prayer of Humble Access

WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 miserere nobis. ii
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
 dona nobis pacem.

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us. ii
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Ÿ. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
 R. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
 but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All persons baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are invited to the Altar to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, come to the Altar and cross your arms over your chest. For those who prefer to receive by intinction, the chalice bearer will take your wafer, dip it in the chalice, and place it on your tongue.

Communion Verse *Vidimus stellam*

Mode I

We have seen his star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.



Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard thy bed! Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.

Soft and easy is thy cradle: coarse and hard thy Saviour lay, when his birthplace was a stable and his softest bed was hay.

See the kindly shepherds round him, telling wonders from the sky! Where they sought him, there they found him, with his virgin mother by.

May'st thou live to know and fear him, trust and love him all thy days; then go dwell forever near him, see his face, and sing his praise! [A Cradle Hymn, *Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*; as found in *Divine and Moral Songs, 1715*]

Postcommunion Collect

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing of Chalk

Bless, ☩ O Lord God, this thy creature of chalk: Grant that those who use it with faith in thy most holy Name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

☩. The Lord be with you.

☩. **And with thy spirit.**

☩. Depart in peace.

☩. **Thanks be to God.**

☩ *The people stand.*

The Last Gospel

☩. The Lord be with you.

☩. **And with thy spirit.**

☩. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St John.

☩. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made: In him was life, and the life was the Light of men; and the Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not the Light, but was to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto

his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(genuflect) *And the Word was made flesh, (rise)*

and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 82 *Of the Father's love begotten*

Divinum mysterium

Postlude *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, op 67, n° 40*

Max Reger (1873–1916)

¶ *A reception follows this Mass, downstairs in Moseley Hall.*

The Chalking of the Doors

This is a Christian custom with biblical precedent, as the Israelites marked their doors in order to be preserved from death. Chalk is blessed at the Epiphany Mass, for the faithful to take to their homes. Over the door of the house (or anywhere near the door), it is customary to write **20 + C M B + 23** with the blessed chalk. The 20 and 23 refer to the year. Historically, the C M B meant: *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Latin: 'Christ blesses this house'), but in popular piety, it came to represent the names of the Magi: *Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar*. It is a tangible way of asking God's blessing on all who live, work and enter the home. Chalk will be blessed at Mass this evening, and will be available at the back of the Church, so please take some home with you. The prayer for blessing your home is found here. The leftover blessed chalk may be used, or buried in the ground. Please do not dispose of it in the trash.

¶ *After making the inscription **20 + C M B + 23** at the door, the following prayer is offered:*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Leader Let us pray.

O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this home. I call upon thy Saints: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, to protect my family, friends and all who enter here from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a reminder to us that my home is truly the house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine eternal Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Just When is Christmas Over?

It depends whom you ask. In secular America, ~~Christmas~~ "the Holidays" begin sometime around Hallowe'en and run until December 26th, when Christmas trees are cast to the curb. The popular song has us keeping twelve days of Christmas. Liturgically, the Church has traditionally observed an octave of Christmas, running until January 1st, the feast of the Circumcision and Naming of Christ. A more modern understanding of the calendar has the Christmas cycle ending with the feast of the Baptism of Christ, always kept on the Sunday after the Epiphany, and usually in white vestments. (Previously, the Baptism of Christ was kept on the Octave Day of the Epiphany, January 13th.) A much older tradition than all of these dates has Christmas running for 40 days, until the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) on February 2nd. This is reflected in the Daily Office, where the Marian antiphon *Alma Redemptoris Mater* is appointed to be said until the Eve of the Presentation. (This reckoning also provides a satisfying symmetry with the 40 days of Lent and the 40 days of Easter.) In many places, including the Vatican and many English cathedrals, Christmas decorations, or at least the Nativity, are kept up until Candlemas.