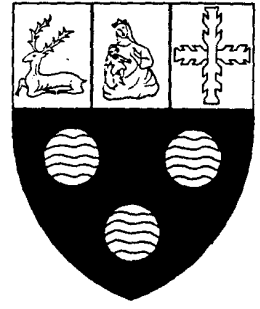


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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
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THE THREE MIRACLES:

The Cathedral Epiphany Procession

The First Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 12 January 2025

3.30pm

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This service is led by the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim Dean of Southwell*, with the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*, the Revd Dr Stephen Hippisley-Cox, *Acting Canon Pastor* and the Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*.

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The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation is invited to gather at the front of the Nave.

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Excerpts from *La Nativité du Seigneur*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

- i. *Desseins éternels*
- ii. *Les Mages*

The Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, Interim Dean of Southwell, welcomes the congregation.

Please stand

INTROIT *sung by the choir, during which the ministers enter*

Tribus miraculis ornatum diem
sanctum colimus: hodie stella
Magos duxit ad praesepe:
hodie vinum ex aqua factum est
ad nuptias: hodie in Jordane a
Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos, alleluia.

*We celebrate a day sanctified by
three miracles: today a star led the
Wise Men to the manger: today
water was changed into wine at the
marriage feast: today Christ chose to
be baptised in the Jordan by John for
our salvation. Alleluia.*

*Words: Magnificat antiphon,
Second Vespers of the Epiphany*

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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

GREETING

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

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory,
to drink from the waters of the new creation
flowing from the river of life at your baptism.
Give us the wings of the Spirit
that we may hasten to meet you at your coming,
and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

THE KING OF ALL THE WORLD IS REVEALED TO THE MAGI

The choir sings:

Lo, sages from the East are gone
To where the star hath newly shone:
Led on by light to Light they press,
And by their gifts their God confess.

ACCLAMATION

Deacon This day a star leads the wise men to the manger.

Arise, shine; for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

They shall bring gold and frankincense
and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day nor by night.

No more will the sun give you daylight
nor moonlight shine upon you.

But the Lord will be your everlasting light;
your God will be your splendour.

As incense is brought forward, the President says:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
you receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
May our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
and the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice.
Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN *during which all are invited to join the procession into the Crossing*



1. 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 God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed 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 for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Tune: DIX NEH 47
Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)
arr. William Henry Monk (1823-89)

GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1–2, 8–11

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.' Then Herod 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM sung by the choir during which the incense is placed in the crib

Videntes stellam Magi gavisii	<i>Seeing the star, the Magi rejoiced</i>
sunt gaudio magno: et intrantes	<i>with great joy: and entering the</i>
domum obtulerunt Domino	<i>house they offered to the Lord</i>
aurum, thus et myrrham.	<i>gold, frankincense and myrrh.</i>

*Words: Magnificat antiphon at First Vespers
on the feast of the Epiphany*

Music: Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star
led the wise men to the worship of your Son:
guide by his light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may behold your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE NEW CREATION IS REVEALED IN THE WATER MADE WINE

The choir sings:

Yet he that ruleth everything
Can change the nature of the spring,
And gives at Cana this for sign—
The water reddens into wine.

ACCLAMATION

Deacon This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the Throne, saying:
Behold, the dwelling of God is with his people.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his own:
and God himself shall be with them.

Behold, I make all things new:
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water without price:
from the fountain of the water of life.

As a vessel of wine is brought forward, the President says:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
for the marriage of the Lamb has come.
Make your Church ready,
and clothe her with the righteous deeds of the saints,
to join the praises of your new creation.
Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN *during which all are invited to follow the procession into the Quire.*



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.

3. Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall 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.

5. 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.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

Tune: ST EDMUND NEH 56
Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM sung by the choir, during which the wine is placed on the High Altar

As Cana's quiet, wondrous guest,
 Drew richest wine from water bless'd;
 Through trembling vow and thankful song,
 May glory shine, as hearts respond
 To Heaven's theme with love,
 Earth's antiphon.

Words: Thomas Allain (b. 1969)

*Music: CANA'S GUEST
 Richard Allain (b. 1965)*

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

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 CHRIST IS REVEALED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

The choir sings:

The Lamb of God is manifest
Again in Jordan's water blest,
And he who sin had never known
By washing hath our sins undone.

ACCLAMATION

Deacon This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ
in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations:
and gather you from all countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you:
and purify you from all defilement.

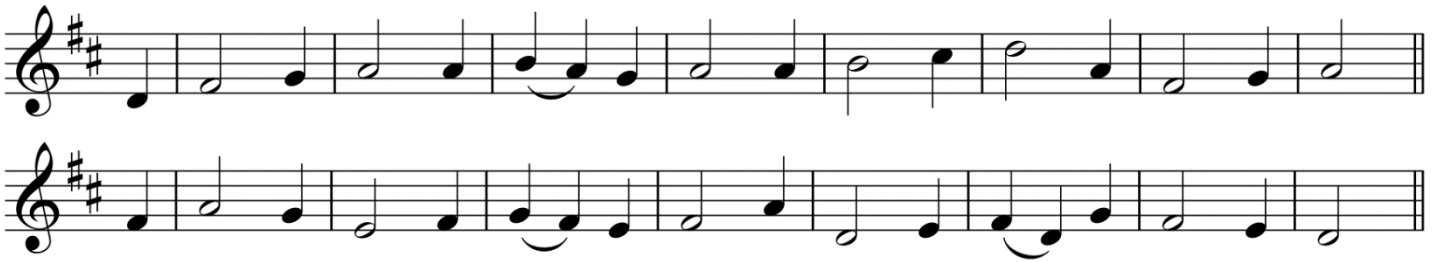
A new heart I will give you:
and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people:
and I shall be your God.

A vessel of water is brought forward, during which the President says:

President Blessed are you,
Lord our God, King of the universe:
you bring waters out of the stony rock.
For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.
Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN *during which all are invited to follow the procession to the west end of the cathedral, close to the Font.*



The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father's love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun
To heal and save a race undone;
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people's foes.

Dear Lord, let those baptised from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit's power
To shield them in temptation's hour.

On you shall all your people feed
And know you are the Bread indeed,
Who gives eternal life to those
That with you died, and with you rose.

Words: G.B. Timms (1910-97)
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Tune: SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS NEH 58
Paris Gradual, 1685
harm. Arthur Hutchings (1906-89)

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”’,

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day,
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to the dance.

*Sing O my love,
O my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a Virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance.
Then was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance.

Sing O my love...

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to the dance.

Sing O my love...

Then afterwards baptised I was,
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance.

Sing O my love...

Into the desert I was led,
Where I fasted without substance:
The Devil bade me make stones my bread,
To have me break my true love's dance.

Sing O my love...

The Jews on me they made great suit,
And with me made great variance,
Because they loved darkness better than light,
To call my true love to the dance.

Sing O my love...

For thirty pence Judas me sold,
His covetousness for to advance;
'Mark whom I kiss, the same do hold,'
The same is he shall lead the dance.

Sing O my love...

Before Pilate the Jews me brought,
Where Barabbas had deliverance;
They scourged me and set me at nought,
Judged me to die to lead the dance.

Sing O my love...

When on the cross hanged I was;
When a spear to my heart did glance,
There issued forth both water and blood,
To call my true love to the dance.

Sing O my love...

Then down to hell I took my way,
For my true love's deliverance,
And rose again on the third day,
Up to my true love and the dance.

Sing O my love...

Then up to heaven I did ascend
Where now I dwell in sure substance
On the right hand of God, that man
May come into the general dance.

Sing O my love...

Words: Old Cornish poem

*Music: THIS HAVE I DONE FOR MY TRUE LOVE
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 President pours the water into the Font, saying:

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times to give you thanks and praise,
for at this time the grace of the Holy Spirit
in the form of a dove descended upon the waters.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
accept our sacrifice of praise,
and by the power of your life-giving Spirit
sanctify these waters of your new creation,
that we, with all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit,
may be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise:

**Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The water is sprinkled over the people, during which the choir sings:

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo,
et mundabor: lavabis me, et
super nivem dealbabor. Miserere
mei, Deus, secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam.

*Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with
hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou wilt
wash me, and I shall be washed whiter
than snow. Have mercy upon me, O God,
in accordance with thy great mercy.*

Words: Psalm 51: 1, 7

Music: Mode vii

President Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN *during which all follow the procession back to the east end of the Nave.*



**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

*Tune: WESSEX NEH 49 (t. i)
Alwyn Surplice (1906-77)*

THE PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar*

The following response is used:

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer.

and at the end:

Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father makes us and 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.
Amen.

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.**

President May God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgiven all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Here is the little door,
lift up the latch, O lift!
We need not wander more
but enter with our gift;
our gift of finest gold,
gold that was never bought nor sold;
myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
incense in clouds about his head;
all for the Child that stirs not in his sleep,
but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about his bed,
for each he has a gift;
See how his eyes awake,
lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, he gives a keen-edged sword
(defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
gifts for his children, terrible and sweet,
touched by such tiny hands and O such tiny feet.

Words: Frances Chesterton (1869-1938)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



**1. Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ child
Bring our heart's oblations:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!***

**2. See where the Spirit,
Like a dove descending,
Sanctifies him whom heav'n acclaims:
Jesus acknowledged
Son of God the Father:
*O come...***

**3. See how at Cana
When love's feast was wanting,
Wine beyond wonder he supplied:
Then, now and always
Fount of grace unending:
*O come...***

**4. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
*O come...***

*Words: Latin, 18th century
trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-80),
William Thomas Brooke (1848-1917) et al.*

*Tune: ADESTE FIDELES CC1 26
John Francis Wade (c. 1711-86)
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

THE SENDING OUT

BLESSING

President May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *during which the minsters, servers and choir depart*

Épiphanie

Gaston Litaize (1909-91)

This evening, starting at **6.30pm**, will be an Organ Meditation (postponed from last month) where our Assistant Director of Music, Jonathan Allsopp, will play *La Nativité du Seigneur* by Oliver Messiaen.

*Available today is **Minster News**, our monthly printed noticesheet for January, which attempts to provide a summary of this month's events and other information – please take a copy.*

Please take this Order of Service away with you.

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