

The Epiphany of Our Lord



Sung Eucharist
3 January 2021
9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop:	The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies
The Regional Bishop:	The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region:	Parishes of Beecroft and Eastwood; Arden Anglican School, Beecroft and Epping
Local churches:	Scots Kirk, Mosman; Revd Brett Graham, clergy and people

Missions 2021

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Sick

Jennifer

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Alex Dimitric, John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Justin Reid, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Keren Snell, Christine Hurford, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Eileen Menzies, Mary Douglas, Liam Gorman, Rosemary Walsh, Anthony Bowra, Barbara Fisher, Elke Kroeger-Radcliffe, Dallas Ford, David Park, Ann Neill, Steve Walker

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Ruth Burleigh, Richard Lloyd, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Dorothy Bashford, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson

Gathering of God's People

Please remain seated throughout the service.

Reflective Music

Greeting

✠Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Sentence

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
[Isaiah 60.1]

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

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.

The Kyries

We say together.

Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**

Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence is kept

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

Let us join together in the words of the Gloria.

**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 sins 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

Eternal God,
who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son:
guide the nations of the earth by your light,
that the whole world may see your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

Please be seated

Paula Turner

A Reading from 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.

[Isaiah 60.1-6]

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

Presider: Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

**All: That he may judge your people rightly:
And the poor of the land with equity.**

Presider: Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**All: May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

Presider: May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

**All: May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

Presider: In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

**All: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

Presider: All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service

**All: He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**

Presider: He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.

**All: He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

A Reading from Paul's 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 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 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.

[Ephesians 3.1-12]

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, Chapter 2,
beginning at the 1st verse.

✠Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

[Matthew 2.1-12]

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

The Sermon - The Reverend Peter Kurti, Associate Priest

The Creed

Let us join together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 Community

Ann Jobson

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Response after each segment of prayers

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

After the last petition the Priest says

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please do not physically exchange the peace

Reflective Music

The Presider says

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

The Presider continues

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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!**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
✠Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
✠Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

✠Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

The Presider breaks the bread and says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:
We who are many are one body
For we all share in the one bread.

We say together the Agnus Dei:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.**

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ,
in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

*Communion will now be administered to the congregation by the Presider.
Please remain seated.*

Reflective Music

The Sending Out of God's People

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ the Son of God 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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Postlude

NOTICES

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

In order for us to continue to comply with the requirements of our COVID-19 Safety Plan as required by the NSW Government, it is necessary to remind you of the following:

- If you are feeling unwell, please don't attend services or the Parish Office.
- Everyone attending the Church or Parish Office must on arrival have their temperature checked, hand sanitise and provide contact tracing details (if not already provided).
- It is a great assistance if you preregister your intention to attend a service. An Eventbrite link is emailed each week or you can contact Helen in the Parish Office on 9969 6910 or email: office@stlukemosman.org
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a facemask at all times on the Parish site.
- You must avoid crowding together and maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres.
- In Church, please only sit on the designated "green square" areas on the pews or on the soft padded seats at the front.
- There is to be no congregational singing or chanting.
- Please disperse quickly at the end of services.

Your assistance in observing these requirements makes it safer for all of us and helps us to comply with State Government regulations.

The Rector

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS

The Parish Office reopens at 9.30am tomorrow, Monday 4 January 2021.

MID-WEEK SERVICES

Please note that our mid-week Holy Eucharist services are in recess until Thursday 4 February at 11am.

SAFETY IN MINISTRY

St Luke's is committed to the principles of Safety in Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Copies of our Child-Safe, Child-Friendly policy are available in the porch and on the parish website. If you have any queries, please contact Dr Jocelyn Chey, tel: 9967 5136 or the Rector, tel: 9969 6910.

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Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6th January (or January 19th for some Orthodox Church who have Christmas on 7th January) and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited the infant Jesus.

Epiphany means 'revelation' and the visit of the Wise Men is one of the occasions on which Jesus was 'revealed' to be of great importance to the future of humankind.

Epiphany is a big and important festival in Spain, where it's also known as 'The festival of the three Magic Kings' (Fiesta de Los tres Reyes Magos) and is when Spanish children receive their Christmas gifts - as they are delivered by the Three Kings! In Spain on Epiphany morning, you might go to the local bakers and buy a special cake/pastry called a 'Roscón' (meaning a ring shaped roll). They are normally filled with cream or chocolate and are decorated with a paper crown. There is normally a figure of a king (if you find that, you can wear the crown!) and a dried bean (if you find that, you're meant to pay for the cake!).

In France you might eat a 'Galette des Rois', a type of flat almond cake. It has a toy crown cooked inside it and is decorated on top with a gold paper crown.

There are similar traditions in Mexico where Epiphany is known as 'El Dia de los Reyes' (the day of The Three Kings). It's traditional to eat a special cake called 'Rosca de Reyes' (Three Kings Cake).

A figure of Baby Jesus is hidden inside the cake. Whoever has the baby Jesus in their piece of cake is the 'Godparent' of Jesus for that year.

In Italy, some children also get their presents on Epiphany. But they believe that an old lady called 'Befana' brings them. Children put stockings up by the fireplace for Befana to fill.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, in the USA, on Epiphany/King's Day, the Christmas Tree is either taken down or the ornaments are replaced with Purple, Gold and Green ones and it's then called a 'Mardi Gras Tree'!

People also like to eat 'King Cake' (a cinnamon pastry with sugar on the top and sometimes filled with cream cheese or jelly/jam). The King Cake will have a little baby plastic doll inside (which represents Jesus); whoever gets the piece with the baby has to supply the next King Cake! Some people have a "King Cake Party" every Friday before Lent (the time before Easter).

Epiphany Eve (also known as Twelfth Night) marks the end of the traditional Christmas celebrations and is the time when you were meant to take Christmas decorations down - although some people leave them up until Candlemas.



Please send any notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the office no later than 4.30pm Tuesday.



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What's On This Week 03/01/2021

Sun 03/21 9am Said Eucharist
Epiphany
Church

Next Sunday 10/01/2021

9am Said Eucharist
The Baptism of
Our Lord
Church



St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect.

We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.