



Holy Innocents Kingsbury

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6th January 2019,

Epiphany, Year C

Welcome to Holy Innocents.

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If you would like someone to be mentioned in the prayers today please ask one of the ministers before the service begins.

Readings & Hymns for today

Stand when the hymn begins.

Processional hymn:

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to Bethlehem's 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!***

- 2 Then wise men from a country far
Looked up and saw a guiding star;
They travelled on by night and day
To reach the place where Jesus lay:**

- 3 At Bethlehem they entered in,
On bended knee they worshipped
him;**

Services Today

8.30am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Services this week

Tuesday 10.15am Morning Prayer
Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

Coffee morning

Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

Memory Cafe

Friday 2-4pm

Next Sunday 13th January

The Baptism of Christ

8.30am Said Eucharist
10.00am Thanks & Praise

Next Week's Readings

*Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29;
Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-11*

**They offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and
frankincense:**

- 4 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
For Christ has our salvation
wrought
And with his blood our life has
bought:**

*Cornish carol, possibly 18th c.
adapted by Michael Perry. AM86*

COLLECT

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 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**

OLD TESTAMENT 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.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 72

R May all the nations be blessed in him.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. **R**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. **R**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3: 1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul 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.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

**1 See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See, the Lamb of God appears,
Promised from eternal years!**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
Christ is born in Bethlehem!***

**2 Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim!**

**4 'As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels, singing "Peace on earth,"
Told us of a Saviour's birth.'**

*Edward Caswall (1814-1878)**

AM 82

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the
world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 2.1-12

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

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.' 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, O Christ.

**So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.**

- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heaven and earth
adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.**
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
At thy cradle 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 Jesus, 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
Alleluias to our King.**

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

AM 94

Offertory Hymn:

- 1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;**

Communion Hymn:

**1 What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet,
While shepherds watch are
keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and
angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise
The babe, the son of Mary.**

**2 Why lies he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's Son is
here,
His love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him
through,
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

**3 So bring him incense, gold and
myrrh,
All tongues and peoples own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high
While Mary sings a lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
& Compilers of New English Hymnal, 1986
AM 88*

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 Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn:

**1 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.*

**2 Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign:**

**3 Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:**

**4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:**

**5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice.
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia';
'Alleluia,' the earth replies:**

*Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)*AM 105
CCL 424001
Dated 06.01.19*

Notices

Diary of upcoming events: for details see notices below or notices in church

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Sun	6 Jan	8.30 and 10am	Communion assistants' commissioning	Church
Sun	6 Jan		Holy Innocents' Lunch	
Sun	13 Jan	11.15am	Traidcraft	Church

We need someone – or a group of people – to get involved with helping to run **hall bookings**. If you might be interested contact Pat Dutton, a churchwarden, or the vicar.

The **Memory Cafe** will be back on 4 January.

Would you like a 3 day a week Christian lodger? Baroness Cox is looking for mid-week accommodation for a new member of staff of her charity HART, which is based across the road from the church. Email her for more information caroline.cox@hart-uk.org

*If you are **ill or in hospital** please let us know if possible so that the church community can pray for you and we can be in touch. Contact Carl Berry or any member of the ministry team.*

*Regular worshippers are asked to join the planned **giving** scheme. This greatly helps*

the parish with financial planning. Contact Christopher Beels for more information (christopherbeels@btinternet.com, 020 82046448). You can also give by card or paypal online from our website.

If you are holding a church event please include it in these notices. Email kingsbury.holy.innocents@gmail.com or put them in the administrator's in-tray by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday.

For your prayers

The Sick: Dorothy, Karina, Sarah, Audrey, Marylin.

Others in need of prayer: Stan, Ann, Germaine, Phyllis, Angela.

Anniversary of death: Lawrence Pardoe; Clara Soar; Jack Tomkinson; Leslie Ade; Jean Bumstead; Mary Leschke; Lydia Quinton; Florence Hunt.

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Other parish office holders' contact details are now on a separate document available in the narthex, if you would like a copy contact the parish administrator.