

Communion

Online

10AM, 10th January

HACKNEY CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

In the name of the Father
and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all.

All: And also with you.

Confession

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen

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.

All: Amen

Hymn: Brightest and best

Author: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 Tune: EPIPHANY

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.

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First Reading

Let us now pay careful attention to the Holy Word of God.

Ephesians 3: 1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

This is the Word of the Lord:

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over

the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev'd Mark Nelson

Associate Rector

The Creed

All:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: hear our prayer.

Merciful Father:

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

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns

Sung by the choir of West Ham Church

Author: Matthew Bridges (1800-94)) Tune: DIADEMATA (Elvey)

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines, with each measure containing either two or three notes. The first staff ends with a vertical bar and a checkmark above it. The second staff ends with a vertical bar and a checkmark above it. The third staff ends with a vertical bar and a checkmark above it. The fourth staff ends with a vertical bar and a checkmark above it.

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

Prayer at the preparation of the table

Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,

the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All: 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by
the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to
us his body and his blood;
Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave
you thanks; 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 gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look
for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we
make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks
and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence
of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your
love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting
praise, saying:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All:

**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.

**And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

The Fracture
God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All: **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion

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.

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen.

Notices

Hymn: We three Kings

Text: John H. Hopkins

Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (G major). The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The music features various note values including quarter notes, eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and sixteenth-note chords. The melody is primarily diatonic, staying within the G major scale.

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.*

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

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worship him, God most high.

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

Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies.

The Blessing

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

The Dismissal

Go in peace and love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.