



St Patrick's Cathedral Weekly Newsletter

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C

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God's presence is revealed to us in diverse ways: we can read the book of God's vast creation; we can search out the meaning of our dreams; we can learn from our own and others' experience; and we can listen to the voice of our sacred scriptures. Being attentive to God's presence has nothing to do with naïve dependence on our own judgment or on the judgement of others. It has more to do with a way of being in the world that involves openness to the unexpected and a critical and careful personal and communal dialogue between our life experience and our faith tradition. A deep awareness of our place in the Earth community teaches us humility. It also teaches respect for the whole of creation and for the power of the more-than-human to lead us beyond ourselves. While this has always been true, the events of the past two years have brought home to most of us our utter dependence on a healthy environment and on right relationship within our planetary home.

Epiphany is the feast of the wise ones or astrologers "from the East" who are led beyond themselves and their immediate location by the rising of a star. They form their own preliminary hypothesis and travel west to search out the meaning of this sign. They learn from the official interpreters of the Jewish scriptures, the "scribes of the people". They then follow the star that leads them to the new born child, the incarnate Wisdom of God. The gospel does not stipulate how many wise ones or magi come to pay homage to the child. There is no indication in the story as to whether they are men or women or both. The three precious earth derived gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh have traditionally been associated with three different characters, usually kings, of diverse nationality and colour, although there is no support for this in the text. These strangers are the first to recognise "God-with-us" in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and to pay him homage. They also come to recognise, in a dream, the duplicity of King Herod. They have the good sense not to accede to Herod's request to "bring him word" of the newborn king. Warned once again in a dream, they return home "by another road".

The story-teller Matthew leaves room in the tableau for the insertion of the wise ones who will emerge through the ages. There is an invitation for us to enter into Matthew's drama, to be the wise ones, to join with people of diverse cultures, to engage in our own search for Wisdom, to honour the birth and the life of every child and to follow the "star" that leads to truth and lasting peace. There is also an invitation to be wary of self-serving rulers who find their positions threatened by the different sort of power that is based on vulnerability and openness to new life.

Entrance Hymn: The first Nowell CWBII 280 v1,2,3

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star
Three* Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star where'er it went. **Refrain**

Anon. English Carol 17th Century, alt.

**Communion Hymn:
Songs of thankfulness and praise CWBII 279**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem;

Refrain:

"You are Christ, " by us confessed
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest,
you revealed your power divine,
changing water into wine; **Refrain**

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; **Refrain**

Christopher Wordsworth. 1807-1885.alt.



**We welcome with joy through the
sacrament of Baptism this weekend .
Ethan Louis Sutanto**

Welcome to Fr Michael Buck to St Patrick's Cathedral.

Fr Micheal has been studying overseas and has returned to Melbourne where he will take up the position of Master of Ceremonies as well as other duties in the Archdiocese.

Please make him welcome.

Saturday 1 January, 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 2 January, 9.30am, 11.00am, 6.30pm

The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity

Entrance Hymn:

The first Nowell CWB 280 v1, 2, 3,

First Reading: Is 60:1-6 Jerusalem is exalted.

Mass Setting: Mass of Christ the Redeemer
(Bernard Kirkpatrick)

Psalm: 71: 1-2,7-8,10-13

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

(Christopher Willcock) CWB 196

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

Paul declares the Gentiles co-heirs to the Kingdom.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia! (Kirkpatrick) CWBII 24d

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12 The Wise Men journey to the infant Jesus.

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord. Great Amen:

(Kirkpatrick) CWBII 24f, 24j

Communion Hymn:

Songs of thankfulness and praise CWBII 279

Recessional Hymn: We three kings CWBII 281

Cantors: Leighton Triplow

(Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 6.30pm),

Judith Dodsworth (Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am)

Organists: Jerome Walles (Saturday 6pm),

David Agg (Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am),

Tom Grubb (Sunday 6.30pm)

Recessional Hymn:

CWBII 281

Hymn We three kings

We three kings of orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

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's
plain, gold I bring to crown Him
again king for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. **Refrain**

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh
prayer and praising,
all men raising,
worship Him,
God most high. **Refrain**

Myrrh is mine,
its bitter perfume breathes
a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying, sealed in the stone cold
tomb. **Refrain**

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice!
Heaven sings
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia the earth
replies. **Refrain**

John H Hopkins, Jr. 1820-1891, alt.

Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Dean of

St Patrick's Cathedral

Very Rev Werner Utri

Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Michael Buck

Assistant Priest of Cathedral

Rev. Alexander Chow

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

The Cathedral Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of the Cathedral and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

<https://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements>

READER'S ROSTER

Weekend Masses 8 & 9 January

Saturday 6.00pm - Liliane Rusek & Alex Ushahoff

Sunday 8:00am - Wendy Ong

9:30am - Michael Hare & Karlene Treyvaud

11:00am - Saba Rahet & Mayce Mirza

6:30pm - Deloraine Keegel & Arnold Jordan

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 1 January -
Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(Solemnity)

Sunday 2 January -
The Epiphany of the Lord
(Solemnity)

Friday 7 January -
St Raymond of Penyafort

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Maurice Labour and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Mary Cabling.

May they now share that eternal life promised to us through Jesus' death and resurrection.