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*Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine*

THE SECOND SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

Sunday January 17, 2021

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to worship with us this morning.
In spite of the several restrictions, let us rejoice that we can gather and worship in spirit and in truth.
There will be no offertory. You may place your offerings in the box placed at the entrance.

As per Government and Diocesan guidelines, you are requested to strictly comply with the following:

- Please cooperate with the Security as they carry out the mandatory checks before you enter.
- Make use of sanitizers kept at the entrance.
- Wearing of face covering is mandatory at all times.
- Congregational singing is not yet permitted.
- Maintain the distance as indicated by the positioning of the chairs.
- Please take this service bulletin home with you. It is mandatory to do so.
- Leave as soon as the service is over. Avoid gathering outside in groups.
- Presently administration of Holy Communion is not allowed. Until further instructions from the Bishop, the service will be that of Liturgy of the Word. Read the Diocesan advisory carefully.

|The Preparation & Gathering|

'Andante tranquillo'
'Romance'

Voluntary
Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65 No. 3 (1809 - 1847)
Gabriel Fauré (1845 - 1924), arr. Alan Ridout

Please stand as the procession enters.

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Hymn

- Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.
- To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth
thee.
- Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824 - 1908)
Music: Welsh hymn melody • Tune: ST DENIO

Opening Acclamation

Presbyter Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

All sit.

Adoration

O Lord, open our lips:

And our mouth shall declare your praise.

Early in the morning we make our prayer to you, O Lord;

Surely you will hear our voice.

Your light springs up for the nations

and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Glory to the Father, our Creator;
Glory to the Son, our Redeemer;
Glory to the Spirit, who sanctifies us;
**As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
to the end of the ages. Amen.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Penitence and Confession

**O God most holy and merciful,
we confess that we have sinned
against you and one another,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have not done.
Therefore we pray you to have mercy on us,
and forgive us our sins. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, grace to amend our life, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

All say the Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.

|The Ministry of the Word|

The Collect for the Day

The Presbyter

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

2 Kings 4. 1 - 7

THE wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 9 v.v. 1 - 10

Sung by the Cantors

- 1 I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will speak of all thy marvellous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee : yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.
- 3 While mine enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
- 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause : thou art set in the throne that judgest right.
- 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly : thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them.
- 7 But the Lord shall endure for ever : he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.
- 8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness : and minister true judgement unto the people.
- 9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed : even a refuge in due time of trouble.
- 10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

All stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Epistle

St Paul's letter to the Romans 12.6 -16

HAVING then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another: not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one towards another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

"Songs of thankfulness and praise"

The Gradual

While seated, follow the words as the Cantors sing.

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, 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.

Continued

3. 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: Bishop Christopher Wordsworth (1807 - 85)
Music: C. Steggall (1826 - 1905) •Tune: ST EDMUND*

All stand

The Gospel Acclamation

Intoned by the Cantors.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world. *cf 1 Timothy 3.16*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ

St. John 2.1-11

*When the Gospel is announced all say **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

THE third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him.

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Christ.

All say **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing and recite together.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth:
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

All sit.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Please stand.

| The Sharing of the Peace |

The Presbyter Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.² *Corinthians 5.17*
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

Please kneel as able or sit.

Invocation

Sung by the Cantors.

Bring we the frankincense of our love
to the feet of the holy Child,
ever remembering God's great gift
of a love that is undefiled.
Holy the infant and holy the mother
and holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
and praise to Christ Jesus our King.

H. Kenn Carmichael (1908 - 1996)

| The Prayers of the People |

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God, made manifest in Christ Jesus.
In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light: Empower
your Church to shine with the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which
pierces even the deepest darkness. God, in your goodness,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor A star rose in the night sky to draw all nations to the Christ-child: Send your
blessing, O God, upon us, and draw us and the whole world to your peace and
truth. God, in your goodness,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor The Holy Spirit rested on Jesus at his baptism, and a voice from heaven
proclaimed him Beloved: Fill us and all your people, marked as your own, with the
spirit of justice and righteousness. God, in your goodness,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding in Cana in Galilee, revealing his
glory to those present: We give thanks for the ways in which God's glory is
revealed in our community of faith, and for all the blessings of our lives.
God, in your goodness

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus made his home among us that we might find ourselves home in him: We
pray for those who have followed him even to the eternal habitations.
God, in your goodness,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Jesus ordered spirits of disease and despair to depart from those for whom he
prayed: We offer and present to you, O God, those for whom we pray. Especially
at this time of pandemic we pray for healing to all nations. God, in your goodness,

All **Hear our prayer.**

All stand.

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in 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.**

“All hail the power of Jesu’s name”

Hymn at the Closing

Follow the words as the Cantors sing.

1. All hail the power of Jesu’s Name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.
2. Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.
3. Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

Words: E. Perronet (1721 - 92); and others.
Music: W. Shrubsole (1760 - 1806) • Tune: MILES LANE

The Dismissal

The Presbyter
All

Go forth in the light of Christ!
Let us bless our Lord. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

‘Con moto maestoso’

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65 No. 3

Antony of Egypt (Hermit) 356 AD

Commemorated by the Church on January 17

“The fabric of the soul is strengthened when the pleasures of the body are weakened.”

Antony of Egypt, Original Christian Monk (ca. 251-356)

Toward the end of the third century, the Church had grown to be a huge presence in the Roman Empire. In places Christians were in the majority, and some were in government and other positions of power.

Maybe this was one of the reasons the monastic movement started: with so many people flocking into the church, its moral standards dropped, and some who wanted to go deeper with God began separating themselves from the rest of the church. They lived as hermits and practiced extreme self-denial.

Founder of Christian monasticism, Antony was born at Coma, near Heracleopolis Magna in Fayum, about the middle of the third century. He had a desire to imitate the life of the Apostles and the early Christians, and one day, on hearing in the church the Gospel words, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell all thou hast", he received them as spoken to himself, disposed of all his property and goods, and devoted himself exclusively to religious exercises.

Antony was hugely influential in inspiring people to take to the monastic life of seclusion, self-denial and prayer. Let us pray for all monastic orders of the Church.

Worship material has been sourced from:

- <https://www.churchofengland.org>
- *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*
- *The Book of Common Prayer*
- *Morning and Evening Prayer (the Church of North India)*
- *St Andrew’s Episcopal Cathedral, Jackson, Mississippi*
- *The English Hymnal (1933)*

~~~ Prayer Requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † The vaccination drives which have begun in several countries. Pray for all recipients and those entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out the vaccination drive.
- † all those whose skill makes people well again. Pray for all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers especially in places where the situation is overwhelming.
- † the reduction in the number of COVID - 19 cases. Pray especially for the situation in the United Kingdom and other countries experiencing a surge in the pandemic.
- † the well-being of all patients in hospitals and those in quarantine and self-isolation.
- † the Church worldwide as it ministers to the faithful in times of anxiety and uncertainty. We give thanks for technology and creative ways to reach out to congregations.
- † a smooth transition of power in the United States of America as President- Elect, Joseph Biden Jr., assumes office as the 46th President of the USA on January 20.
- † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are unwell. Pray for their well-being. Pray for all care providers.
- † all pupils as they appear for online examinations. Especially pray for those who do not have access to digital learning.
- † The annual general body meeting (online) of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)* of St Thomas' Cathedral will be held virtually on Sunday January 31, 2021 at 5pm. Contact Jaisy Desai.
- † St Peter's Church, Palghar and the Revd. Sanjay Salvi.
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Nagpur and the Rt Revd Sharad Gaikwad.
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Nandyal and the Rt Revd Pushpa Lalitha.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Australia and the Most Revd Geoffrey Smith (*Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate*)

~~~ Birthdays this Week ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Reuel Browne (19), Ruchita Salvi (20), Samuel Joseph (22), Miriam John (22)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

David & Sarah Sinate (10), Ronald & Swapnika Browne (20)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

(January 18 to 25)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 as the Octave of Christian Unity, and focused on prayer for Church unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. This is a joint endeavour of both the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant denominations.

This year the monastic community of Grandchamp in Switzerland chose the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (*cf. John 15:5-9*). It expresses their community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.

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This first miracle is definitely one of the more spectacular ones. Jesus is invited to a wedding and decides to attend. At the wedding, the host runs out of wine, which is told to Jesus. Jesus asks the servants to fill the six stone water jars with water. When the water in these jars is poured out to the master of ceremony, it appears to have changed into an excellent wine. Jesus makes about 500 to 600 litres of wine.

In this miracle Jesus is showing himself to be the Lord, the Shepherd from Psalm 23 in which David calls out in wonder and amazement that his cup flows over from all the good wine God pours in. In this story Jesus lets the cup of the married couple flow over by his presence and by his miracle with an abundance of grace.

Why did Jesus decide to do his first miracle at a wedding?

Weddings are almost always very joyful occasions. So on a wedding feast not only the marriage between the two people is an expression of love, loyalty and trust, but the whole wedding day is a manifestation of love, forbearance, patience and of course joy.

It is a day when the image of God in which we are created shines brighter and more beautiful than on other days. This way we not only in a literal, but also in a spiritual sense make sure to be wearing our nicest suit or dress. This also explains why the union with God and being with God is so often compared to a wedding, or a wedding feast. (*Matthew 22, Matthew 25, Song of Songs, John 3:28-29*)

An earthly wedding might well be one of the clearest expressions of love, and therefore of God's love and that makes it a suitable place for Jesus to start his ministry.

St. Augustine adds a symbolic reason to this. Jesus did his first miracle at the wedding in Cana, to manifest himself for the first time as our groom. He came to earth for us, the Church, his bride.

How shall we respond to these good gifts of God and the great gift of Jesus? St. Paul is saying that we pour out this good wine, God's good gifts to us, to others. We do this, according to the grace: that is the good but different gifts, that are given to us.

Finally, in the Gospels we find only one other creative miracle of Jesus. This is the feeding of the multitude. (*Matthew 14:13-21, John 6:1-14*) The great biblical commentators throughout the centuries have seen in Jesus' turning of water into wine, and creating bread for the multitude, a pointing towards Holy Communion in which we can be fed by bread and wine, Jesus' body and blood. In Holy Communion we can recognize Jesus, being the Holy One of God, and are invited to take part in the feast.

Excerpts from the website of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Utrecht, The Netherlands