

Living the Word: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from the Book of Isaiah was written at a thrilling moment of Israel's development. The Jews had returned from Exile in Babylon and were beginning to realise the universal task of Israel. The salvation promised to Israel was not just for the Jews but was for the entire world! Hence these cries of joy at all these curious camels and exotic nations streaming to Jerusalem. There is a similar opening out for us, too: Christ brings salvation not just for us, but through us to others. Not only to those who come to our church, but to the wide world – to all those grumpy, depressed, selfish, worried, suffering, disadvantaged people we meet in daily life. The Epiphany is the time when Jesus 'went public,' made an epiphany – a showing – of himself as the Saviour of the World (Salvator Mundi) symbolized by the coming of the Wise Men from the East, the first people outside his own race to greet him.

The Epiphany of the Lord 2024



Saints and Heroes: The 'Three Wise Men' and Epiphany House Blessings

Many sermons will be preached today about the 'three wise men', magi, or kings, whose visit to the infant Christ we commemorate at Epiphany. Traditionally, these men have been known as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and their initials have been inscribed on lintels alongside other symbols at this time of year. Conveniently, C, M and B are also the initials of the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, meaning 'Christ, bless this house'. May the prayers of the Magi, who were the first Gentiles to worship our Lord, surround us as we begin this new year afresh with Christ, whose blessing on our homes we are encouraged to seek.

From the Fathers:

'Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.'

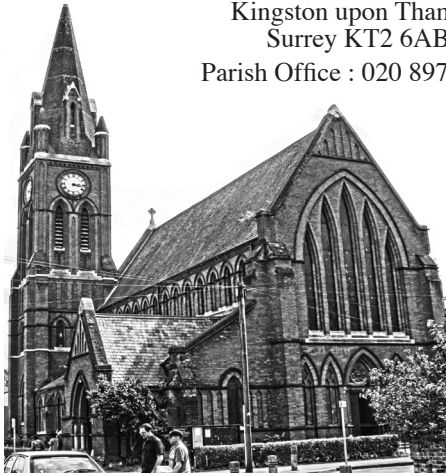
From 'Sermon 160', by Peter Chrysologus (c. 406-450, bishop, theologian)

St Matthew's Gospel tells us that the Magi 'took out of their treasures gold, frankincense and myrrh.' Their treasures would have contained many more precious items suitable for gifts but 'out of their treasures' they selected three appropriate to the child they found in the stable. In the 'treasure chest' of our lives the gifts that we can give Christ change throughout our lives, and are unique to each of us and our situation. At certain times we might have skills and abilities we can offer, at others we may have more money to give, at others we may have time. Each of us must regularly ask 'what can I give now – at this present time?' For the Magi – Christ was found in the manger; for us Christ is found in his Mystical Body the Church. He is also to be found in every person in any kind of trouble or need; those whom he calls his 'little ones'. All of us have spiritual as well as material gifts to give, not least the faith and love which Jesus shares with us, which when returned to God in praise and prayer, can play a part in reconciling all things to Himself.

Today's Gospel: St. Matthew 2: 1-12

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evening Prayer

WEEKDAYS

9.00am Mass Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday & Friday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 8th January: Baptism of the Lord
Isiah 42:1-4 & 6-7 1; Ps 29; Acts 10P: 34-38; Mark 1:7-11

TUESDAY 9th January: Feria
1 Samuel 1:9-20; Ps (1 Sm) 2:1,4-5,6-7,8; Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY 10th January: Feria
1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8; Ps 40:2&5,7-10; Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY 11th January: Feria
1 Samuel 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25; Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY 12th January: Feria
1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12

SATURDAY 13th January: Feria
1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

Fr Martin is away on annual leave from Monday 8th to Monday 15th January so there will be NO 9am services next week and due to not being able to find cover for Sunday 14th there will ONLY be an 8am service with
Fr Hugh Mead

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84180162383?pwd=Q2lYdXFUTW5iaVc4NmdbZ0l4alZxUT09>
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HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul; for Peter Bennett, Gillian, Tom Hatton and Jason Ridley

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Susan S, Maundy & Diana Todd, Judith Cartwright, Miles Stainfield, Mary Wallace, Patrick Codd, Fr Christopher Noke, Chrissie, Hilda Nethercott, Editha Hinds and Dhan.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Fr David Chislett

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Samuel Graham, Robert Lyle (Priest), Nellie Lewis, Daisy Salisbury, Patrick Donnelly

MONDAY: Dorothy Ginder, Maud Smith, Charles Talbot

TUESDAY: Ellen Croucher, Muriel Hanham

WEDNESDAY: Laura Stevens, Annie Vickery, Shelia Shaw

THURSDAY: Nicholas Heryet, Frederick Noke

FRIDAY: Charles Gude, Michael Young

SATURDAY: Florence Bailey, Doris Hunt, Dora Down, Daphne Bevis, Malcolm Singleton

PROCLAMATION OF SEASONAL DATES

Ash Wednesday - 14th February

Palm Sunday 24th March

Maundy Thursday - 28th March

Good Friday - 29th March

Holy Saturday - 30th March

Easter Day - 31st March

The Ascension of The Lord - 9th May

Pentecost - 19th May

First Sunday of Advent - 1st December

Prayer:

Priest: Our help is in the name of The Lord.

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to people. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

As can be seen at the entrance to the Church the chalk is then used to mark out the year of Our Lord and the initials of the three Magi. 20 + C + M + B 24

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, who respond: **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

FINAL HYMN

52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,

Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

THE ANGELUS

It is our custom, before we go home, to make this traditional memorial of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ:

v. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.

R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

All: **Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

v. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.** *All:* **Hail, Mary . . .**

v. And the Word became flesh.

R. **And dwelt among us.** *All:* **Hail, Mary . . .**

v. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

The priest prays the Collect. The people respond: Amen.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ORGAN MUSIC

March of the Magi Kings – *T Dubois*

ENTRANCE HYMN

49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (tii)

**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.**

**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.**

ANTIPHON *cf Malachi 3:1; 1 Chron 19:12*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

GREETING

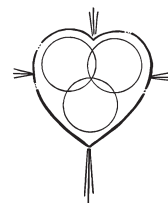
Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant introduces the Mass



PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

All: **I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Choir: **Kyrie eleison.** (Lord, have mercy.)
Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

Christe eleison. (Christ, have mercy.)
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Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)
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GLORIA

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.**

**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.**

COLLECT

Priest: O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 60:1-8 (ESV)*

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 behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71 (72)*

R. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Matthew 2:2*

We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Three Kings - *Arr P Cornelius*

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

48 Bethlehem, of noblest cities

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord

All: **Amen**

BLESSING OF THE CHALK

It is traditional for parish priests to bless chalk for each family so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, in the blessing of homes as a witness of their faith and protection against evil.

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH
IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing. Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The People STAND



THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation:
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

THE SECOND READING *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 (ESV)* A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

You have probably heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND

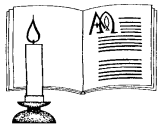
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 2:2*

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

V. We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1-12*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *The people SIT***PROCLAMATION OF SEASONAL DATES***The people STAND***NICENE CREED** *The people STAND*

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL*The people KNEEL or SIT*

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

People: Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***The people STAND***OFFERTORY HYMN**

47 As with gladness men of old

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger 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.

Holy Jesu, 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.

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
Alleluyas to our King.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts
of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or
frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed,
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and
reigns for ever and ever

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our
salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For today
you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ
as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in
our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his
immortal nature. And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and
Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as
without end we acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
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.

*The people KNEEL or SIT*

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God,
who love the human race and who always walks with us
on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present
in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when,
as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the
Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send
forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and
wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last
Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the
bread and gave it to his disciples saying: