



The Third SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

24th January 2021

Welcome to St Mary's on the Third Sunday of Epiphany.

Our president and preacher today is Fr Andrew and our organist is Nick Andrews.

For safety reasons, this service is live-streamed only, without a congregation in the church.

To join us online, please go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

THE OLD TESTAMENT (Genesis 14, verses 17–20)

Reader: Sarah Van den driessche

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 128

Refrain

**Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,
And walk in his ways.**

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and walk in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine;
your children round your table like fresh olive branches.

Thus shall the one be blest
who fears the Lord.

The Lord from out of Zion bless you,
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children,
and may there be peace upon Israel.

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And walk in his ways.**

THE EPISTLE (Revelation 19, verses 6–10)

Reader: Margaret Green

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure’—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (John 2, verses 1–11)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The **HOMILY**, by **Fr Andrew**

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by **Katherine Prior**

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Because of the very serious health situation we face, our Sunday services are still being held online only. We will return to public worship on Sundays as soon as it seems safe to do so. The church will be open on Sundays (11.30 am to 12.30pm) for individual prayer and to receive the sacrament from Fr Andrew. We also remain open for weekday prayer and services as listed below, except for **tomorrow, Monday, 25 January**, when we are closed for building works.

MONDAY: Church closed for building works.

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with Fr Andrew.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm: Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

THURSDAY, 2 pm: AA Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer.

FRIDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

SATURDAY, 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: (Online only) Said Eucharist.

SUNDAY, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

SUPPORTING OUR HEALTH WORKERS

In response to concerns for our hardworking NHS staff and their wellbeing in these times of great stress, the PCC has agreed a support package of £450 over three months to supply a selection of small gifts such as lip balm, hand cream and energy bars. The Chaplaincy team at the Royal Sussex are distributing the first batch of these items to staff on their visits around the wards.

We are also sending postcards to staff to let them know how much their dedication is appreciated and that we are thinking of them. If you would like to write a card too, please send it to: The Chaplaincy Team, The Barry Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Road, BN2 5BE. *Please do not visit the hospital with cards or gifts.*

We keep in our prayers all who are ill, those who are lonely and isolated, those who are bereaved and mourn, and all medical staff and keyworkers who are risking their lives to save and serve others.

Enquiries about life ceremonies, confessions and counselling may be made to the Vicar, Fr Andrew Woodward, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.

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