

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op 13
Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

¶ Introduction

Three wonders mark this holy day
as the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom.

This day a star leads the wise men to the Christ-child.

All Alleluia.

This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

All Alleluia.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

All Alleluia. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir hymn

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.

W. Chatterton Dix, 1837-98

Tune: Dix (from a chorale by C. Kocher, 1786-1872)

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory,
to drink from the waters of the new creation
flowing from the river of life at your baptism.
Give us the wings of the Spirit,
that we may hasten to meet you at your coming,
and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

¶ **The King of all the World is Revealed to the Magi**

This day a star leads the wise men to the Christ-child.

Arise, shine out, for your light has come;

All the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

The nations will come to your light,

All and kings to your dawning brightness.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

All and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your gates will lie open continually,

All shut neither by day nor by night.

No more will the sun give you daylight,

All nor moonlight shine upon you.

But the Lord will be your everlasting light,

All your God will be your splendour.

cf Isaiah 60

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
you receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

May our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
and the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 2.1,2,8-11

The Response

‘The magi’ by Malcolm Guite

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
who by the shining of a star
led the wise men to the worship of your Son:
guide by his light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may behold your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Solo anthem

Three Kings from Persian lands afar, Op 8 no.3(b)

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Peter Cornelius (1824-74)

¶ The New Creation is Revealed in the Water made Wine

This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,

All prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying,

All 'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,

All and God himself will be with them.

Behold, I make all things new:

All I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift

All from the spring of the water of life.'

cf Revelation 21

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:

for the marriage of the Lamb has come.

Make your Church ready,

and clothe her with the righteous deeds of the saints,

to join the praises of your new creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 2.1-11

The Response

'The miracle at Cana' by Malcolm Guite

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All Amen.

Solo anthem

The Wedding at Cana

Be glad and rejoice all present here,
The greatest and the least,
For happy are we, all friends and kin,
To share in this wedding feast!
How good is our God who gathers us,
With mercy from above,
Who changed the water into the wine,
To show his power and his love.

O Lord Jesus Christ, invited guest
At Cana's wedding feast,
Be present among us here today,
Our God and eternal priest.
In you shall our solemn vows be pledged,
In you our love shall grow;
Our cup of joy shall be filled, O Lord,
And our cup shall overflow.

Robert E Kreutz (1922-96)

¶ **The Christ is Revealed in the Waters of Baptism**

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

All and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

All and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

All and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

All and I will be your God.

cf Ezekiel 36

Blessed are you,

Lord our God, King of the universe:

you bring waters out of the stony rock.

For with you is the well of life,

and in your light shall we see light.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1.1-11

The Response

‘The baptism of Christ’ by Malcolm Guite

Let us pray.

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,

anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.

Solo hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father's love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son's anointed head.

Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit's power
To shield them in temptation's hour.

On you shall all your people feed
And know you are the Bread indeed,
Who gives eternal life to those
That with you died, and with you rose.

*G. B. Timms (1910-1997)
Tune: Paris Gradual (1685)*

The Prayers

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in his name.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit
All bring in your kingdom.

Father, use us, unworthy as we are,
to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace.
Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son,
that all our joy and delight may be to serve you,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

¶ The Sending Out

Choir hymn

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labor on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Melody by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary

Toccata in Seven
John Rutter (b.1945)