

The First Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 12 January 2025



11.15am Sung Eucharist

Organ Prelude: *Adagio* (from *Symphony No 3*), Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Communion Setting: *Missa brevis*, William Walton (1902-83)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The sinless one to Jordan came

(NEH 58)

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PRAYER OF PREPARATION and KYRIE ELEISON

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people
which call upon thee;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought
to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING *read by Maggie Peel*

Acts 8: 14–17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *sung by the choir*

Tomorrow will be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
to see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, my love, my love;
this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
of her I took fleshly substance;
thus was I knit to man's nature,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, my love, my love;
this have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapp'd I was,
so very poor, this was my chance,
betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, my love, my love;
this have I done for my true love.

Traditional English Carol
arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 15–17, 21, 22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

THE NICENE CREED *will be sung to the setting by John Merbecke (page 5 of Service Book)*

SERMON *given by the Canon Precentor*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared for Communion and a collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken*

Crown him with many crowns

(NEH 352)

INTERCESSION, CONFESSION

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS *and* PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

GIVING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET *sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion*

Tantum ergo sacramentum	<i>Therefore we, before him bending,</i>
Veneremur cernui	<i>This great sacrament revere:</i>
Et antiquum documentum	<i>Types and shadows have their ending,</i>
Novo cedat ritui,	<i>For the newer rite is here;</i>
Praestet fides supplementum	<i>Faith, our outward sense befriending,</i>
Sensuum defectui.	<i>Makes our inward vision clear.</i>

Genitori genitoque	<i>Glory let us give and blessing</i>
Laus et jubilatio,	<i>To the Father and the Son,</i>
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	<i>Honour, might, and praise addressing,</i>
Sit et benedictio;	<i>While eternal ages run;</i>
Procedenti ab utroque	<i>Ever too his love confessing,</i>
Compar sit laudatio.	<i>Who, from both, with both is one.</i>
Amen.	<i>Amen.</i>

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

Music: Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN



1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you, "My beloved One,"
declared delight in you,
anointed you to preach and heal,
God's holy will to do.
3. Straightway and steadfast until death,
you then obeyed God's call,
freely as Son of God to serve
and give your life for all.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit, God,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service, we
may perfect freedom find.

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Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantaisie (from *L'Orgue mystique VII*)

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

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