



**Truro  
Cathedral**  
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**Sunday 4 January 2026  
The Feast of the Epiphany**

**Worship in Truro Cathedral today**

08:00	BCP Holy Communion	Revd. Andrew Yates
10:00	Choral Eucharist	President Revd. Keiren Marwood Preacher Canon Sue Wallace
16.00	Epiphany Carol Service	Canon Sue Wallace with St Mary's Singers

**10.00am Hymns for this morning's service of Festal Eucharist**

- 47** As with gladness men of old
- 52** O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
- 48** Bethlehem of noblest cities

**The Collect:**

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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.

**First reading: Isaiah 60 1- 6** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

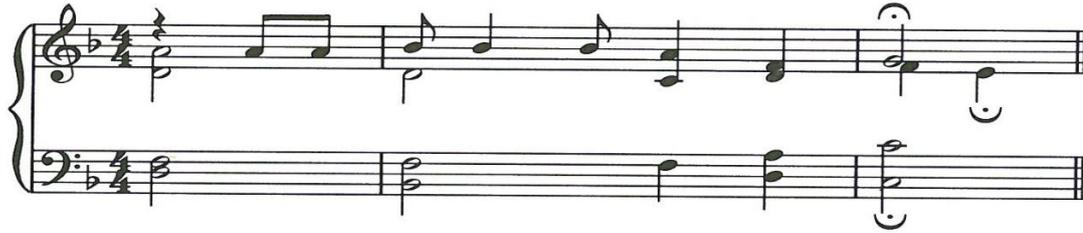
## Psalm 72

Philip Moore

### Response

v. 17c

May all na-tions be blest in him.



The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;  
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.  
All kings shall fall down before him;  
all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,  
the needy and those who have no helper.  
He shall have pity on the weak and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
And dear shall their blood be in his sight.  
Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;  
may prayer be made for him continually  
and may they bless him all the day long.

**Second reading: Ephesians 3. 1-12.** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Gospel reading: Matthew 2. 1-12** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been

written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**This week we are praying for:** May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Samantha Holland, Alison Jones, Mary Prior, Karen Cox, Elliot Wills, Laura Bushell Hawke, Christine Moody, Ruth Robathan, Margaret Wallace, Jill Staplehurst, Claire Burgess, Colin Bradley, Sophia Jenkins, Belinda

**Services for the week beginning: 5 January 2025**

Monday 5 January	09:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Prayer
	16.00	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 6 January Epiphany	09:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Prayer
	17.30	Festal Eucharist for the Epiphany
Wednesday 7 January	09:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Prayer
	17.30	Choral Evensong
Thursday 8 January 2026	09:00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Morning Prayer
	12.10	Christian Meditation
	16.00	Evening Prayer
Friday 9 January	09.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Morning Prayer
	11:00	BCP Holy Communion
	17.30	Choral Evensong
Saturday 10 January	09:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Prayer
	16:00	Evening Prayer

## How to bless your home with Epiphany chalk: "20+C+M+B+26"

### 'Christus Mansionem Benedicat'

There is a tradition of blessing chalk at Epiphany to mark the threshold of our homes with a new year blessing. This tradition picks up the Old Testament traditions of marking the doorposts of the house with biblical texts, the theme of the Holy Family welcoming visitors to their home to visit the Christ-child and the reminder of the importance of hospitality throughout Scripture.

To bless your home with Epiphany chalk, follow these steps:

- Gather your family and gather outside the front door.
- Make the sign of the cross.
- Read the prayer: *"Peace be to this house and to all who enter here. Amen."*
- Pray: *"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."*
- Write the initials of the Magi connected with crosses over the outside of your front door.
- Write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials.
- The inscription should look like this: "20 C+M+B 2 x" or "20+C+M+B+26" depending on the year.
- End with this prayer:

*Visit Lord, we pray, this home with the joy of your presence, Bless all who live here with the fit of your love. Help us to share your care and compassion and to make this home a place of welcome and strength, of blessing and friendship, that all who pass through this doorway may find a home lit by your love. Amen*

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