

## Notices

Worship: Wednesdays 10.00am is suspended for the time being.  
Sundays 09:15am is suspended for the time being.  
10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Wi-Fi Passwords can be found on the noticeboard in the hall. Please ensure that any mobile devices are switched off or on silent mode during services and meetings.

Offertory: Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.

Zumba: reopens Friday 14 January 2022

Craft Group: Postponed until further notice

Prayer Group is postponed until further notice. If you or someone you know would like prayer said, please complete a slip and place in the woven box. Your request will be responded to

Flowers in Church: If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, please speak to Janie Legge who can advise and help arrange them with you if you wish.

Please pray for all those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week

## *St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy*



*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022*  
*10.30am THE EPIPHANY*

On behalf of the Vestry and congregation we welcome you to St Peter's Episcopal Church to our Epiphany service, today.

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**Introit Hymn**     *We three kings*

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*
  
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.                      **Refrain**
  
3. Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high.                      **Refrain**
  
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.                      **Refrain**
  
5. Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.                      **Refrain**

**Welcome**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Journey of the Magi by T. S. Eliot.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.**

**Blessing**

Christ the Son of God gladden our hearts with the good news of the kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn**                      Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
  
2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
  
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

**Dismissal**                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

### Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world

**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

### Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God:

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

**give us your peace.**

### Communion

*At the giving of the bread:*

The Body and Blood of Christ given for you. **Amen**

### Communion Hymn

Laudate omnes gentes

**Laudate omnes gentes,**

**Laudate Dominum.**

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

### Sentence

We give thanks to you Lord, for you are gracious.

**And your mercy endures for ever.**

## Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you**

**and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ**

**that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,**

**and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**and deliver us from the power of evil,**

**for the sake of your Son who died for us,**

**Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,

forgive us and free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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 of the day

O God, who, by the guidance of a star, revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations:  
Grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last be led to see your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Reading**            Isaiah 60.1-6

**Psalm 72 Hymn**    Hail to the Lord's anointed

- 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
God's reign on earth begun!  
God comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.**

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.            **Amen.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.  
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,  
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.  
Day and night celebrate your glory  
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only-begotten Son, you have revealed yourself to the world.  
By the guiding of a star, you made him know to the nations as the son of  
David and king of Israel; that in following him,  
we might be led from darkness and into his marvellous light.

As children of your redeeming purpose  
Who celebrate the manifestation of your Son  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
St Peter and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father.  
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.  
Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased.  
Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,  
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.  
The blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed,  
and the captives set free. At his word, water became wine,  
the hungry were filled with bread, and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
desiring to complete the work  
for which he came into the world,  
at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.

2. **God comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in God's sight.**
3. **To God shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
God's kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
God's covenant remove;  
God's name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.**

Epistle Ephesians 3.1-12

**Gospel acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Father we praise you as Lord, all of the earth gives you worship, for your majesty  
fills the heavens, fills the earth. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I bring you news of great joy, joy for all nations, for a our saviour, is born for us,  
Christ the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Word of God became flesh and came to dwell among us. All accepting him  
will become children of God. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

A holy day has dawned. Adore the Lord, you nations, for today a light  
has come on the earth. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Matthew 2.1-12**

*When gospel is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

*At end:*

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one substance with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
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.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son,  
is worshipped and glorified and has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

### Intercessions

#### Peace

Christ the Prince of Peace is born for us and revealed to the Nations  
We meet in his name.  
**Let us share his peace.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Offertory Hymn The First Noel

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel*  
*Born is the King of Israel!*
2. They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both Pause and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
5. Then entered in those Wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
6. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who with the Father we adore  
and Spirit blest for evermore.

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**