

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



THE MARRIAGE FEAST AT CANA

'AFTER HIERONYMUS BOSCH' C.1550

*10am on 24th January 2021  
3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

## THE GATHERING

*Welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist, we begin with a hymn.*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest,  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul,  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might,  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear;  
thou by all wilt be confessed:  
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885)*

### The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The president welcomes everyone informally.*

### Prayers of Penitence

*We are invited to confess our sins.*

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*We sing our hymn of praise to the Trinity – the Gloria.*

Gloria in Excelsis

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer, and then we pray the Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany:*

Grateful for the glory revealed this Epiphany season, let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*A reading from the book Genesis. (14:17-20)*

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). <sup>18</sup>And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup>He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth;  
<sup>20</sup> 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.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the Revelation to John. (19:6-10)*

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.

<sup>7</sup> 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;

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.’ <sup>10</sup> 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.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our gradual hymn.*

**The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting Days,  
and God of love:  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
by earth and heav’n confessed;  
we bow and bless the sacred name,  
for ever blest.**

**The God of Abraham praise,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth we rise, and seek the joys  
at his right hand:  
we all on earth forsake,  
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r;  
and him our only portion make,  
our shield and tow'r.**

**The God of Abraham praise,  
whose all-sufficient grace  
shall guide us all our happy days,  
in all our ways:  
he is our faithful friend,  
he is our gracious God;  
and he shall save us to the end,  
through Jesus' blood.**

**He by himself has sworn -  
we on his oath depend -  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
to heav'n ascend:  
we shall behold his face;  
we shall his pow'r adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.**

**The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high:  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
they ever cry:  
Hail, Abraham's God, and ours!  
We join the heav'nly throng,  
and celebrate with all our pow'rs  
in endless song.**

*Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)*

*We welcome the Gospel.*

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, Alleluia.  
O Lord, to whom shall we go;  
you have the words of eternal life.

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>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 <sup>10</sup>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.' <sup>11</sup>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.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – *the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector.*

## The Creed

*We declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**All 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 Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*To the bidding*      Lord of all transformation  
*Please respond*    **hear our prayer.**

*The intercessions conclude as follows:*

*All*    **Lord Jesus Christ,**  
         **in you the Father makes us and 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.**  
         **Amen.**

<b>THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT</b>
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## The Peace

*The president introduces the peace.*

Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All*    **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

## Preparation of the Table

*Bread and wine are placed on the altar as we sing our offertory hymn.*

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
here on earth our help, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
he the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth his footstool, heav'n his throne;  
he within the veil has entered  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
he on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The president offers this prayer for the preparation of the altar.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*All* **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, Mother of God,  
Saint Peter, Saint Osmund, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people,  
and the Sanctus bell is rung as we honour Christ's presence among us.*

*After a moment's silence, we say The Lord's Prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to receive communion.*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*We make our spiritual communion as we listen to the following hymn:*

**Christ is our light! the bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.**

**Christ is our love! baptized that we may know  
the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.**

**Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!  
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.  
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,  
as your disciples did in Galilee.**

*Leith Fisher (1941-2009).*

### Prayer after Communion

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Announcements are made.*

## SENDING

*We sing our final hymn.*

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
Alleluia.**

**O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia.**

**They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful servants true.  
Alleluia.**

**O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia.**

**Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.  
Alleluia.**

**Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia.**

**So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
Alleluia.**

*George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883-1958).*

## The Blessing

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

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