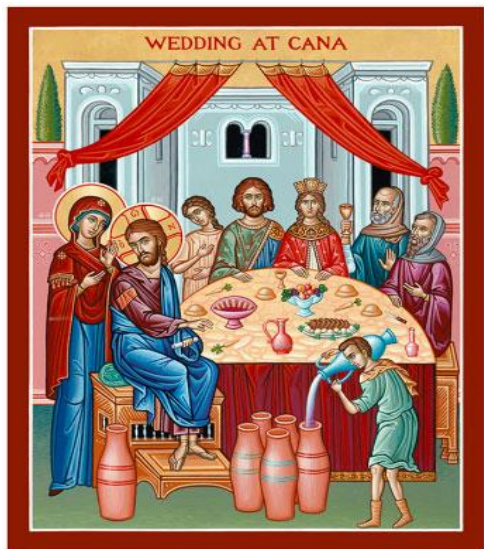


**St Clement's Church,  
King Square  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**



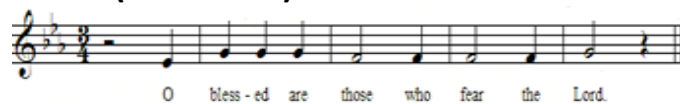
**Collect**

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,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading (Genesis 14.17-20)**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.  
After his 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). And King  
Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine;  
he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him  
and said,  
"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"  
And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.

**Psalm (Psalm 128)**



**Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
And walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
In the heart of your house:  
Your children like shoots of the olive  
Around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
The man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
In a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R**

**Second Reading (Revelation 19.6-10)**

A reading from the Revelation of John.  
Then 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.  
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;  
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.  
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." 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."

## Gospel (John 1.43-51)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 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 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.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## For your prayers

**In our Prayers:** Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Christine & Tony, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Adele Skinner, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Mary-Rose Sinn, Vanessa, Enoch Amo-Owusu, Jill Hetherington, Justine, Ian and Martyn. Fr Colin Oxenforth, Gregg and Julia Hill, Lewis & Callum. Eamonn Irvin.

**Among the departed:** Margie Ives, Rosario Leona  
**Anniversaries of Death:** Amy Godden, Cyril Wix, John Thomas Rosaman, Lelia Godden, Annie Young, William George Clarke

**In the Parish:** We pray for those who work in estate management and repairs.

**In the wider world:** We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all those caught up in the war.

## Notices

**This week in church...**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Open Church 10am-1pm**  
   **Mass 12.30pm**  
**Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**      **The Presentation of Christ**  
   **(Candlemas)**  
   **10.30am Parish Mass**

## Lent Study

Lent is an opportunity for all of us to pray and study, alone and together. Would you like to be a part of a Lent Group this year? If you're interested, please let me know which daytimes or evenings during the week are best for you.

Father David

## Men's Clothes Appeal

Care4Calais with whom we work in supporting the needs of Refugees and Asylum Seekers based in the Barbican Thistle Hotel are asking for **men's coat and other winter clothes** for distribution to those without any winter wear in this cold weather. If you have any good quality second-hand clothes to donate please speak to Fr David or Rita.

## St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

**St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!**

