

January 05, 2025 10am

The Epiphany of the Lord



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding:
Assisting:

The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus
The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

*We are a Christian community who celebrates the love of God in our common
life of prayer and service in this neighbourhood.*

*Children are full members of our church
and we welcome their presence and participation in our worship.*

Nursery care is available.

Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.

Prelude:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn:

Angels from the Realms of Glory (143)

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

Refrain (R):

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light. (R)**

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star. (R)**

Welcome:

The Epiphany Greeting:

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Christ is the revelation of God's glory.

People: **Come let us worship.**

Presider: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: **God's name is greatly to be praised.**

The Blessing of the Chalk:

Presider: Our help is the name of the Lord:

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Loving God,

bless this chalk which you have created,

that it may be helpful to your people;

and grant that through the invocation

of your most Holy Name

that we who use it in faith to write upon the door

of our home the blessing of your Son,

may receive health of body and protection of soul

for all who dwell in or visit our home;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Song of Praise:
Gloria in Excelsis
Tune: Iris (#135)

Glory be to God in heaven,
Peace on earth in all our days!
King and Lord, almighty Father,
Praise and blessing now we raise
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lamb of God, O Lord most holy,
Jesus, take our sins away;
You are seated with the Father,
Hear our voices as we pray:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Jesus, you are Lord and Saviour,
You alone the Holy One,
With the Holy Spirit blessed
And the Father on the throne.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God,
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayer for our Young People:
Children leave for their Faith Formation programmes.

Presider: May our Lord Jesus bless you as you meet him in the Scriptures. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD
We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: Donna Bristow

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-20

There Is One Lord

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Please remain seated

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm;

There is one God who is Fath - er of all.

Music: J. Berthier
Taizé Community
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Refrain (R):

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism ...

Verses:

He has strengthened the gates
And grants peace within your walls;
He sends forth His command on earth;
His word runs swift and flies. (R)

He spreads the snow like wool,
and scatters frost like ash.
He hurls His hail like pebbles,
and sends His word as waters flow. (R)

Declare His words and His laws,
no other nation has known His ways;
He's done this all for Israel,
O to the Lord be praise! (R)

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader: Cathie Figueira

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 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. 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 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.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation:
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Tune: Winchester (#136)

Please stand as you are able.

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around;**

**"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind."**

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12.

Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller: 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(sung) All glory be to God on high,
And to the world be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth
Begin, and never cease.

Please be seated.

Sermon:
The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Apostles' Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of
Christian faith to join with me in the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Litany:

Intercessor: Sharon Conway

*For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community,
the sick and those in need, for the departed,
and for the forgiveness of our sins.*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord,
saying, **Hear our prayer.**

That the people of God in all the world
may worship in spirit and in truth,
let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That the Church may discover again that unity which is the
Father's will,
let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That the nations of the earth
may seek after the ways that make for peace,
let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That the whole creation, groaning in travail,
may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of
God. We pray especially for those who've asked for our
prayers...

let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
may rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray in memoriam for...
let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way,
to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel as you are able.

Presider: Most merciful God,
All: **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace:

*Having prayed for God's peace for us and the world,
we offer an exchange of peace with one another
from where we are standing and online in the 'live chat'.*

Please stand.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn:

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Tune: Kings of Orient

*It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what
God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer:
etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca*

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain (R):

**O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. (R)

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. (R)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (R)

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. (R)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Presider: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so 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

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels
we raise our voices in joyful praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (719)

Tune: American Traditional

**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,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:
Mass for the King of Glory
Betty Pulkingham (b.1928)

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Our Fath - er in
hea - ven, Hall - ow'd be your name, your king - dom
come, your will be done on earth as it is in
hea - ven, Give us this day our dai - ly bread, for
give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a -
gainst us, save us from the time of trial and - de - liv - er us from
e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are
yours now and for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the Light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Song for the Breaking of Bread:

O Jesus, Redeemer

Tune: Cradle Song (#126)

**O Jesus, Redeemer, O bless'd Lamb of God,
The angels sang praises in glory and laud;
Forgive us our sins as we sing of your birth,
And give us your blessing in heaven and earth.**

**O Jesus, Redeemer, O bless'd Lamb of God,
You came down from heaven in glory and awe;
Bring healing and comfort by your holy birth,
And give us your peace now in heaven and earth.**

Please be seated.

The Communion:

As we come to communion this morning, we have reintroduced the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to take of it; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

Communion Anthem:

Thou Visitest the Earth

Maurice Greene, arr. Derek Holman

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: God of all the nations of the earth,
guide us with your light.
Help us to recognize 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. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

We now go into the world declaring the good news of Jesus Christ

The Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God
All: **Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Parish Announcements:

Please be seated.

Celebrations:

Polychronia (Many Years)

Tune: Tallis' Canon (#14)

*As part of our blessing and dismissal, we acknowledge anyone who has a
thanksgiving, birthday, anniversary etc. this month – any good news!*

Leader: Let us call down God's blessing!
People: **God give you many, many years
to thank him for his blessings here;
And many, many, many more
To pray God still his grace to pour.**

Epiphany Blessing:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: May Almighty God,
who led the Magi by the shining of a star
to find the Christ - the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:
As With Gladness Men of Old (160)
Tune: Dix

**As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
At thy cradle rude and bare,
So may we with joyful song,
Raising voices pure and strong,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

**In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light:
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our king.**

The Dismissal:

Deacon: Go forth in the light of Christ!

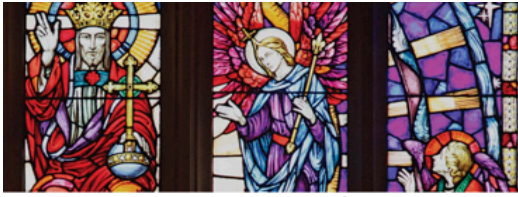
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude:

Rigaudon

A. Campra

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*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God in memory*

*of Philip Layton, Madeleine and George Ghikas,
John and Jean Isbister,
given by Anne Layton, Jamie Isbister and family*

&

*of Arthur and Lila Powers,
given by Ian and Donna Bristow and their family.*

*Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone
who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care.
Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy,
as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.*

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