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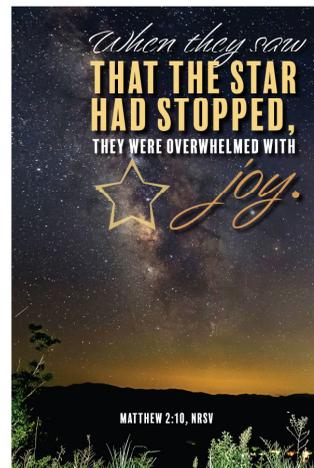
Epiphany of the Lord

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available  
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### The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #154 “Joy to the World”

#### Greeting and Collect for Purity

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*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.**

#### Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **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 upon 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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 60:1–6

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1–8**

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #224 Richmond

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| <p>1 Send us, O God, the King whose reign<br/>Will make your justice known;<br/>Let him deal fairly with your land,<br/>The poor, and all your own.</p> | <p>3 So long as sun and moon endure<br/>Let him, O Lord, remain;<br/>Let him come down as showers, Lord,<br/>And as refreshing rain.</p>               |
| <p>2 Let every mountain, every hill,<br/>Bring righteousness and peace;<br/>Let him defend the needy poor,<br/>Make all oppression cease.</p>           | <p>4 Let peace and righteousness increase<br/>Till moons shall be no more,<br/>And let him have dominion, Lord,<br/>And reign from shore to shore.</p> |

**O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:1–12

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —  
<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me  
for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a  
few words, <sup>4</sup> 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: <sup>6</sup> that is, the  
Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise  
in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> and to  
make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all  
things; <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance  
with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we  
have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #324 "Hallelujah"**

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 2:1–12

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “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.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Hear us, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, grant us peace.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* 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.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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.**

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*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn #159 "Brightest and Best"**

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Proper Preface Epiphany

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Arranged by  
Michael Leach

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* 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.

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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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*People* **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Anointing

**The Lord's Prayer** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #6**

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*Celebrant* 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.****Lamb of God** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.****The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not  
receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

*Today being the first Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing.  
If you would like to receive this ministry,  
proceed to the back of the church and then come forward to receive Communion.*

**Communion Hymn #146 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"****Prayer after Communion***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **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.****Prayer for Anointing****Doxology** [Arranged by Michael Leach]*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely  
more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to  
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.****Blessing****Announcements**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Recessional Hymn #385 "Worship the Lord in the Beauty"****Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

## Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a "harbour for love," where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria