

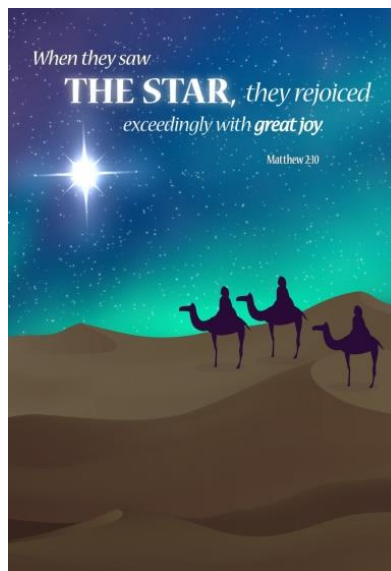
January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #385 "Worship the Lord in the Beauty"

Text by John Samuel Bewley Montell

1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Repeat verse 1

Greeting

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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.**

Glory to God

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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 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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All **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:

Isaiah 60:1–6

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.² 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. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.⁴ 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.⁵ 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.⁶ 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

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

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:1–12

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

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me
 for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a
 few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the
 mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the
 Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise
 in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to
 make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all
 things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance
 with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in 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: “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 2:1–12

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

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

⁶“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.”

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⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.

Hymn #44 "I Believe in God Almighty"

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

- 1 I believe in God almighty,
Father of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.
- 2 I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried—
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.

- 3 I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one Church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Hear us, O Lord.

People **Lord, grant us peace.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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.**

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 #158 "Earth Has Many a Noble City"**

Text by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; translation by Edward Caswall

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| <p>1 Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.</p> | <p>4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.</p> |
| <p>2 Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.</p> | <p>5 Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.</p> |
| <p>3 Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblation rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.</p> | |

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.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

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 Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

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.

Celebrant Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said “Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People **Amen.**

Prayer for Anointing

The Lord’s Prayer [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

Celebrant “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

People **Tast and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [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.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- ***To receive a blessing***, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- ***To receive the bread***, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- ***To receive the wine from the cup***, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
- ***If you prefer to take only the bread***, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

Communion Hymn #159 “Brightest and Best”

Text by Reginald Heber

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| <p>1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid:
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.</p> <p>2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.</p> | <p>3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?</p> <p>4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart’s adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.</p> <p><i>Repeat verse 1</i></p> |
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Closing Prayer

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God,

People **you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Prayer for Anointing

Doxology [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

Celebrant And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

People **Amen.**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #160 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Text by William Chatterton Dix

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| <p>1 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.</p> | <p>3 As they offered gifts most rare
at that 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.</p> |
| <p>2 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.</p> | <p>4 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.</p> |

Dismissal

Subdeacon Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Mary (Betty) C & Robin / Jackie C / Ruby D & Ariana / Cynthia C / Cheryl D & Matthew

Today's Scripture Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev. Ali McIntosh

Subdeacon & Anointer

Margie Lytle

Chalice Bearers

Aili Maki, Geraldine Sperling

Intercessor Ravi Andrews

Readers Geraldine Sperling

Rudy Powell

Crucifer

Christian Ajubiga

Music

Michael Leach

Videographer Egan Done

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Ann-Marie Waithe Powell,

Hazel Perkin

Altar Guild

Maggie Sumner

Duty Warden & Welcome Desk

Philip Tindan

Coffee Hour Hosts

Colette, Clavel & Carter Lytle

Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.