St. George on Yonge
Anglican

January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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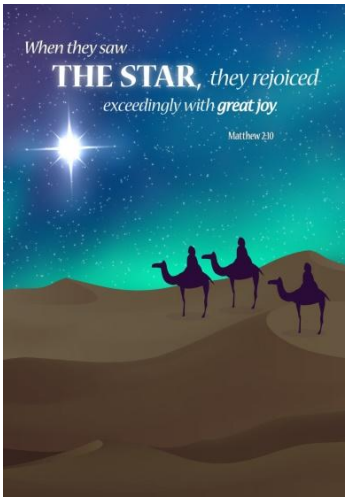

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #158 "Earth Has Many a Noble City"

Text by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; translation by Edward Caswall

1 Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

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.

3 Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblation rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

5 Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

Greeting page 185

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.**

Hymn #365 "Glory to God on High"

Paraphrased by Paul Gibson

1 Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed
in glory bright.

2 Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.

3 You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with
Father and with Spirit one in
glorious light.

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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: 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 72:1–7,10-14

1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice.

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

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.

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

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

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.**

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from
the East came to Jerusalem, 2 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.” 3 When
King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together
all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was
to be born. 5 They 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.’”
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.

The Nicene Creed page 188

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 page 191

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 page 192

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #156 "The People That in Darkness Sat" Text by John Morison

1 The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.

2 To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

3 For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.

4 For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

5 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.

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):

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

Michael Leach

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."

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**.

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 #6 page 213

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.**

The Communion page 213

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

When the ushers indicate to you, 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.*
- ***We have gluten free bread,*** *please ask the priest when you get to the front.*
- ***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 #137 "What Child Is This" Text by William Chatterton Dix

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

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.**

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

Recessional Hymn #160 "As with Gladness Men of Old" Text by William Chatterton Dix

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.

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.

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.

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.

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall following the service.

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
The Epiphany of the Lord	**The Baptism of the Lord**
Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Psalm 29
Eph 3:1-12	Acts 10:34-43
Mt 2:1-12	Mt 3:13-17

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
Congregation Cycle
Sam & Julie T / Sandy T, Cameron / Philip T and family / Rosemary T / Izunna U

Celebrant	Rev. Ali McIntosh	Crucifer	Soroush Javaheri
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		Duty Warden	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Intercessor	Ravi Andrews	Welcome Desk	Michael R. Leach
Server	Christian Ajubiga	Coffee Hour Host	Colette Lyttle
Readers	Geraldine Sperling Aili Maki		

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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.