



# St. George on Yonge Anglican

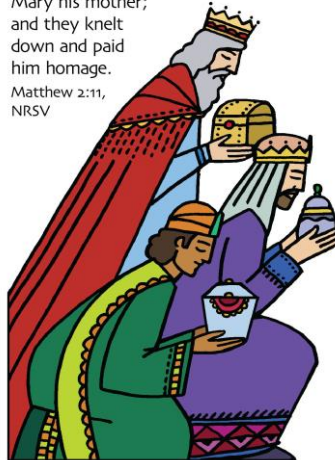
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The Epiphany

## Ministry of the Word

On entering the house,  
they saw the child with  
Mary his mother;  
and they knelt  
down and paid  
him homage.  
Matthew 2:11,  
NRSV



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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

#### Hymn #137 "What Child Is This"

Text by William Chatterton Dix

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| 1 | What child is this, who, laid to rest,<br>on Mary's lap is sleeping?<br>Whom angels greet with anthems<br>sweet,<br>while shepherds watch are keeping? | 2 | Why lies he in such mean estate<br>where ox and ass are feeding?<br>Good Christian, fear: for sinners here<br>the silent Word is pleading. |
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#### *Refrain*

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

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| 3 | So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;<br>come peasant, king, to own him.<br>The King of kings salvation brings;<br>let loving hearts enthrone him. |
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#### *Refrain*

#### 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

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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**

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.**

**Psalm 72:1–7, 10-14**

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| <p>1 Give the King your justice, O God,<br/>and your righteousness to the King's<br/>son;</p> <p>2 That he may rule your people<br/>righteously<br/>and the poor with justice.</p> <p>3 That the mountains may bring<br/>prosperity to the people,<br/>and the little hills bring<br/>righteousness.</p> <p>4 He shall defend the needy among the<br/>people;<br/>he shall rescue the poor and crush<br/>the oppressor.</p> <p>5 He shall live as long as the sun and<br/>moon endure,<br/>from one generation to another.</p> <p>6 He shall come down like rain upon the<br/>mown field,<br/>like showers that water the earth.</p> | <p>7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;<br/>there shall be abundance of peace till the<br/>moon shall be no more.</p> <p>10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall<br/>pay tribute,<br/>and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer<br/>gifts.</p> <p>11 All kings shall bow down before him,<br/>and all the nations do him service.</p> <p>12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in<br/>distress,<br/>and the oppressed who has no helper.</p> <p>13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;<br/>he shall preserve the lives of the needy.</p> <p>14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression<br/>and violence,<br/>and dear shall their blood be in his sight.</p> |
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**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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, 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.**

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<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.*

Solo: The Coventry Carol (Traditional)

### The Nicene Creed

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*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**

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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

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*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.**

*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 Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Peace**

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

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

**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.**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*People* **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing****Announcements**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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

Text by John Samuel Bewley Montell

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| <p>1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;<br/>bow down before him, his glory proclaim;<br/>gold of obedience and incense of lowliness<br/>bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!</p> <p>3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness<br/>of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;<br/>truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,<br/>these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.</p> | <p>4 These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,<br/>he will accept for the name that is dear,<br/>mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,<br/>trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.</p> <p><b><i>Repeat verse 1</i></b></p> |
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<p><b>Today's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany</b></p> <p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><b>The Baptism of the Lord</b></p> <p>Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11</p>
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