

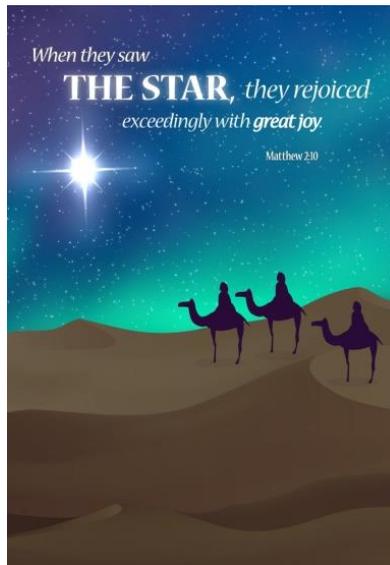
January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

## ***Welcome***

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Organ Prelude

#### 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 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.**

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**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.

*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.

- <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 72:1–7, 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 <b>That he may rule your people<br/>righteously<br/>and the poor with justice.</b></p> <p>3 That the mountains may bring<br/>prosperity to the people,<br/>and the little hills bring<br/>righteousness.</p> <p>4 <b>He shall defend the needy among the<br/>people;<br/>he shall rescue the poor and crush<br/>the oppressor.</b></p> <p>5 He shall live as long as the sun and<br/>moon endure,<br/>from one generation to another.</p> <p>6 <b>He shall come down like rain upon<br/>the mown field,<br/>like showers that water the earth.</b></p> | <p>7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;<br/>there shall be abundance of peace<br/>till the moon shall be no more.</p> <p>10 <b>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles<br/>shall pay tribute,<br/>and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer<br/>gifts.</b></p> <p>11 All kings shall bow down before him,<br/>and all the nations do him service.</p> <p>12 <b>For he shall deliver the poor who cries<br/>out in distress,<br/>and the oppressed who has no helper.</b></p> <p>13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;<br/>he shall preserve the lives of the needy.</p> <p>14 <b>He shall redeem their lives from<br/>oppression and violence,<br/>and dear shall their blood be in his<br/>sight.</b></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.**

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

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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.**

*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

*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.**

<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

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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

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

### 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.**

**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.

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,

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*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.**

## **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 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.**

## **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the holy sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment, I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**The Communion**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion.*

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

*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****Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## Dismissal

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

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

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

Text by William Chatterton Dix

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| 1 As with gladness men of old<br>did the guiding star behold;<br>as with joy they hailed its light,<br>leading onward, beaming bright;<br>so, most gracious Lord, may we<br>evermore be led to thee. | 3 As they offered gifts most rare<br>at that cradle rude and bare,<br>so may we with joyful song,<br>raising voices pure and strong,<br>all our costliest treasures bring,<br>Christ, to thee our heavenly king. |
| 2 As with joyful steps they sped,<br>Saviour, to thy lowly bed,<br>there to bend the knee before<br>thee, whom heaven and earth adore;<br>so may we with willing feet<br>ever seek thy mercy seat.   | 4 In the heavenly country bright<br>need they no created light:<br>thou its light, its joy, its crown,<br>thou its sun which goes not down;<br>there forever may we sing<br>alleluias to our king.               |

## We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

### Congregation Cycle

Juliet A  
Stephanie A  
Dr. William A  
Ravi A  
Etoann A

## 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

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Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Videographer	Egan Done
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## **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.

## **COVID instructions from the Diocese to keep you safe**

IN CHURCH EVERYONE MUST:

1. **Be MASKED** all the time
2. **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING** (2 Metres)
3. Have **NO CONVERSATIONS** or **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
4. **FOLLOW THE ARROWS** ON THE FLOOR
5. **FOLLOW THE PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS** for the Service

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Thank you for joining us  
Stay Safe