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"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage." – Matthew 2
Photo by Helen Norman

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 3rd, 2021

9:30 am

In-person service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather today on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

People: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

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: Look carefully for the star.

People: When we see the star, we will prepare for a great adventure.

Celebrant: Faithfully follow the star.

People: We will be ready to meet challenges and difficulties along the way.

Celebrant: Encounter the holy family with joy.

People: We will share thanks, but also talk about our fears with Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Celebrant: Be aware of the dark shadow that is always close by.

People: We have seen the light. We will turn to it and gracefully live out its brightness.

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.

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.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (60:1-6)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 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. 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. 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Celebrant: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

People: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

Celebrant: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

People: and the little hills bring righteousness.

Celebrant: He shall defend the needy among the people,

People: rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.

Celebrant: He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

People: from one generation to another.

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

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

Celebrant: The rulers of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
People: and the rulers of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

Celebrant: All rulers shall bow down before him,
People: and all the nations do him service.

Celebrant: For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress
People: and the oppressed who has no helper.

Celebrant: He shall have pity on the lowly and poor
People: and shall preserve the lives of the needy.

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

The Second Reading is from Ephesians (3:1-12)

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 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: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: As with Gladness, Men of Old

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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.

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.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy 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.

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.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (2:1-12)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: '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.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Dr. Patricia Bays

Musical Interlude: The Flemish Carol

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:

All: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God's kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Catrina Tapley)*

One: Creator God, your love fills us with joy and your glory shines over us. Basking in your radiance, we lift up to you in prayer the needs of our troubled

world and community, and all children who, like Jesus in Matthew's gospel, need your love and our protection. God in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the Church throughout the world, and for our Anglican communion especially Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy; and for Edith and Julie who lead important ministries in this place. God in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the sick and the suffering, especially

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Janet** (Whillans); **Bart** (Beglo); **Geoffrey** (Dean)

One: and for those we name silently or aloud Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We remember those who have died, especially for those we name silently or aloud For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Fill our souls with the power of your word that we too might use our hands to share our gifts with others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. All this we ask in Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites

us 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.

People: Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn: The First Nowell

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The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain: Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation bought. *Refrain*

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we
say,

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. 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.**

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.**

Celebrant: Go from here as those who follow the star. Be
ready for the faithful journey, even if it is a tough
one.

People: We have our gifts, and we are ready to generously offer them. We will find the highest good, and we will acknowledge it.

Celebrant: God will support and bless your faithful adventure.

People: We will look out for the powers of darkness, and we will bring the light of Christ to shine on them. We go in peace, and we go unafraid.

Celebrant: And the blessing

Announcements

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, January 10th, 2020

Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Dawn Conway

Intercessor: Catrina Tapley

Cantor: Wikke Walop

Please pray this week for:

- those in our Pastoral Care: Leah Chapman, Manson Thompson, Laurie Hunter, and Sheila Howe;
- the patients, doctors, nurses, and support staff of the Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus and the Royal Ottawa Hospital

Credits:

Opening and closing Prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Evangelical Lutheran Worship 2006 alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

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Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro

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This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Food Bank (waiting area Rm 7/8)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible on Tap Zoom
Thursday	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Food Bank (waiting area Rm 7/8)



*The Three Wise Men, St. James, Morrisburg, ON
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