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*" . . . the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come." Isaiah 60
Photo by Helen Norman*

Epiphany Sunday

January 2nd, 2022

9:30 am—broadcast (on Zoom) and recorded

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

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather on the unceded and unsundered Territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin Nation, whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial,

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Opening Hymn: **Earth Has Many a Noble City** #158

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

**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.**

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

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

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

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: A star shining brightly in the East, discovered, by those who have eyes to see the unusual and the challenging.

All: A journey into unknown territory, taken by those who have courage and curiosity.

Officiant: An encounter with an evil, commanding presence, evil that was faced, yet resisted with care.

**All: The Holy One recognized, in spite of humble origin,
the glory and the gifts, given to God's Chosen Child.**

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Officiant: Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:

All: guide and sustain us, so that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

One: Give the king your justice, O God,

All: and your righteousness to the king's son;

One: that he may rule your people righteously

All: and the poor with justice;

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

All: and the little hills bring righteousness.

One: He shall defend the needy among the people,

All: rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.

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

All: from one generation to another.

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

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

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

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

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

One: He shall have pity on the lowly and poor
All: and shall preserve the lives of the needy.

One: He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
All: and dear shall their blood be in his sigh

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: **From a Distant Home**

VU#89

**From a distant home the Saviour we come seeking,
using as our guide the star so brightly beaming.**

Refrain:

***Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,
heaven's wondrous light,
O never cease your shining!
Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,
and upon the earth be peace and love to all.***

**Glowing gold I bring the new-born babe so holy,
token of his power to reign above in glory.** *Refrain*

**Frankincense I bring the child of God's own choosing,
token of our prayers to heaven ever rising.** *Refrain*

**Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus,
token of the pain that he will bear to save us.** *Refrain*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: 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 Herod 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: *The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty*

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

All: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

Officiant: We believe in Jesus,

All: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.

Officiant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favoured mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.

Officiant: We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus.

All: Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.

Officiant: We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding.

All: Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.

Prayers of the People

One: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father In Heaven." The same stars that lead the magi to the Christ child are still shining for all humanity today. Let us thank God for continuing to give light to all creation and pray that we may use our gifts to glorify God in our living. We pray for international peace. We pray that all people may learn patience and wisdom in solving their differences and that we may be given grace to accept things we cannot change, and to change those things that we ought, in order that we may shed light on our part of the world.

All: May your light shine through us to express your Glory.

One: In this New Year, we pray for a decrease in the effects of the COVID virus and for the end of the world-wide epidemic. We pray that wealthy nations may learn the virtue of sharing with those who are poorer, for their own health and the health of others.

All: May your light shine through us to express your Glory.

One: We pray that we may continue to learn ways to protect and preserve our natural environment for our own good and for those who follow us.

All: May your light shine through us to express your Glory.

One: We pray for our church leaders, for Linda, our Primate; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; Chris and Jarrett, our parish clergy; and Brian, the pastor of First United. May

they all be filled with your light, and may they be expressions of your gospel in their living and speaking.

All: May your light shine through our leaders to express your Glory.

One: We pray that the gift of health and well-being may be given to all those who have asked for our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Pat** (Broome); **Laura** (DesClouds); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Sue** (Wise); **Sarah** (Vedell); **Aneesa** (Yonan); **Andrea** (Smith); **Shari** (Rathwell); **Viola** (Martin); **Gord** (MacPherson)

One: and for those whom we name silently or aloud. . . .

All: May your light shine through your gifts of healing and restoration.

One: We give thanks for all those who have shaped the church for good over the years, especially for Basil and Gregory, bishops and teachers of the fourth century. Let us pray for all the faithful departed members of the church, especially Marilyn Murray (former All Saints' Parish Administrator and wife of Ron) and those we name silently or aloud. . . , and those who have gone before us in the past year.

All: May light perpetual shine upon them, and may they know the joy of eternal life. Amen.

Officiant: 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

Officiant: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: We Three Kings (Rev. J. H. Hopkins, 1857)

**We three kings of orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

Refrain:

***O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.**

Refrain

**Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.**

Refrain

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,
Breaths a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.**

Refrain

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Earth to the heavens replies.**

Refrain

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

Officiant: Glory to God,
All: 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.

Officiant: Follow the star. Search for, and find, the highest good.
All: We will recognize the forces of darkness and work against them.

Officiant: Be ready to acknowledge your gifts and use them.
All: We will find fulfillment within the family of Jesus and take his Good News to our corner of the world.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Closing 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 lookèd 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***

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, January 9th, 2022

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;

Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Helen Norman and Janet Holgate

Intercessor: Eric Bays

Cantor: Patricia Bays

Please pray this week for

- those ministering and worshipping in
 - Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester;
 - All Saints' Westboro, Ottawa; and
 - St. Peter's Church, Birzeit, West Bank, in our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East;
- those in our pastoral care: Mary Hoth, Hazel Jack, Ed Swettenham, Norah Kettle, and Sheila Carr; and
- St. Matthias Community Meals.

Credits:

Opening and Closing prayers from David Sparks, Prayers to Share, Year C

Collect from Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
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This Week

Wednesday 7:00 pm	Bible on Tap	Zoom
Thursday 3:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank

Upcoming Events

Bible on Tap

Wednesday, January 5th, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join Father Chris for a discussion of our upcoming Bible readings. He will send out the Zoom link in his email this week.

ADO 125th Anniversary Series: Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney

Monday, January 17th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom

This free lecture will be hosted on Zoom for those who wish to register and have the opportunity to ask questions at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8csmnb> The lecture will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and Rev. Dr. McKinney's remarks will be available after at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ANGDIOOTT>



Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7:30pm

Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney,

"The Church as Commons: A Theological Case for Affordable Housing"

Jason is a theological educator, a priest, and longtime resident of Parkdale, Toronto. His work, life, and family are all rooted in the neighbourhood. He is the Incumbent of The Church of The Epiphany & St Mark, Parkdale and an adjunct professor of theology at Trinity College. He was a member of the first community-elected board of the Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, where he served two terms.

At the parish level Jason has leveraged an aging church building to develop a network of value-aligned community partners. Although the congregation is small, the building is generating huge local impact through food security, social enterprise, the arts, and urban agriculture. He is currently working with the congregation to redevelop the church building to create additional impact through affordable housing. At the diocesan level, Jason co-authored a successful synod motion that committed the Diocese of Toronto to an affordable housing plan and he has worked with diocesan staff to develop a learning series on church redevelopment. He is currently working on a book project which elaborates a theology of urban land.