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"Arise, shine; for your light has come" – Isaiah 60
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Epiphany Sunday January 1st, 2023

8:00 am—Said Eucharist

9:30 am—Sung Eucharist

Wednesday (January 4th) 10:30 am—Said Eucharist

The Ven. Christopher Dunn

The Rev. Chung Yan Lam

The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty

Music: Edith Troup

The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged.

Please Note: The 9:30 service is being broadcast on Zoom and recorded; if you attend in-person you may appear on camera and in the recording.

Officiant: Dear friends, we gather on the ancestral territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin people, the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet.

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.**

Children's Talk

(Please send the children to the front during the last verse of the Opening Hymn. There is no Church School this morning, so children will return to their seats following the talk.)

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: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

Officiant: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

All: We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

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: Almighty and everliving God,

All: 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#383

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14:

(Read together at 8:00 am, Sun. and 10:30 am, Wed.)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. He shall defend the needy among the people, rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. The rulers of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the rulers of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All rulers shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor and shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: **As With Gladness Men of Old**

#160

**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.

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:

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. In joy and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the earth, the work of God's hands. God of creation, you made a world of abundance as a home for us. Grant that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the nations of the world. God of justice and peace, we pray for the leaders of the nations that they may have wisdom to choose what serves the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the church and for its ministry to the world. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Christopher, our National Indigenous Bishop; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Chung Yan, and Jarrett, our clergy; and the whole people of God, called to worship and to serve. God of light, empower us to proclaim your gospel fearlessly wherever darkness obscures human dignity. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for our neighbourhood. God our guide, you led wise men by a star to a place of rest and worship. Make us a welcoming community, a place of hospitality and of shelter. Help us to discover our gifts and talents that we may offer them up to you and your service. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those in need. God of love, in your word we receive the promise of life beyond weakness and sorrow. We pray for:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Randy** (Brown); **Helen** (Miller); **Shari** (Rathwell); **Viola** (Martin); **Peter** (Frazier); **Michael** (Frazier); **Alana** (Andrews); **Kevin** (Andrews); **Thelma** (Mills); **Brian** (O'Connor); **Emily** (Sibbald); **Michael** (Lundy); **Grace** (Henkel); **Karen** (Henkel); **Peter** (Carr); **Cinde** (Coke); **Linda** (Tremblay); **Anna** (Koolstra); **David** (Knowles); **Carran** (Taylor); **Susan** (Stewart); **Mary** (Hume, Sr.)

One: and for those whom we name, silently or aloud. . . , that healing and wholeness may be theirs. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for all who have passed through death into the full epiphany of God's glory, especially those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . God of life, bring comfort to those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Help us, like the Magi, to open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem.

All: 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.

When exchanging the Peace share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving.

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: Gracious God,
All: 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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

#732 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Officiant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this,

you do it in memory of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing,

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: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Officiant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

*If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available. While it is fully sufficient to receive in one kind, just the bread, the Common Cup is available for those who wish to receive. **Please Note: Intinction is not allowed.***

Choral Interlude

Officiant: God of all the nations of the earth,
All: 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

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, seek Christ's light. Kneel before him, offering the treasure of your life.
All: We will share with others the treasure of Christ: light in the darkness.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Blessing Song:
May the Lord rejoice with you, may the Lord bless you, and make His face to shine upon you, the God of Heaven loves you.

Closing Hymn: **The First Nowell** **#139**

**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***

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Postlude

Readings for Next Sunday, January 8th, 2023

Isaiah 42:1–9; Psalm 29;

Acts 10:34–43; Matthew 3:13–17

Credits:

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Epiphany Sunday January 1st, 2023

This Week

Tuesday	8:15 am 1:00 to 4:00 pm	Men's Breakfast	Restaurant Food Bank
Wednesday	10:00 am to 2:00 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	New-to-You Shop Quilters Eucharist Bible on Tap	Rm 7/8 Church Zoom
Thursday	1:00 to 3:00 pm 4:00 to 7:00 pm 4:30 to 5:30 pm	Choir practice Centering Prayer	Church Food Bank Chapel
Saturday	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	New-to-You Shop	

Upcoming Events

Jazz Vespers

Sunday, January 8th, 2023, at 4:30 pm in the Church

Join us at Jazz Vespers and experience the transformative power of jazz in a sacred space. This month's musicians: Mike Mullin and friends

Women's Breakfast

Monday, January 16th, 9:30 am at the Cora's Restaurant

For our first Women's Breakfast of 2023, we'll meet at Cora's Restaurant (1355 Richmond Road). See you there!

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today at 8:00 am:

Greeter: Ken McMillan

Reader: Sylvia Shortliffe and Michael Norman

Server: John Merritt

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today at 9:30 am:

Greeters: Chris Kirch and Linda Phillips

Readers: Eric and Patricia Bays

Intercessor: Patricia Bays

Diac. Minister: Chris Kirch

Euch. Ministers: Ann Haché and Chris Kirch

Server: Hannah