



Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Sheila Thomas to the honour and glory of Almighty God to celebrate life with family and friends and in loving memory of those no longer with us.

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am.

Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

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Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am.

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Deacon The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Servers Paul Mitchell, Ashrey/Elijah, Fen Nanto, Betty Scantlebury

Vincent Wong

Communion Ministers Paul Faulkner, Paul Mitchell

Director of Music Robin Davis
Mass Setting Gloria- Merbecke

Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei

Missa Brevis No 4 Divinum Mysterium - Healey Willan

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (How brightly Shines the Morning Star)

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Hymn 160 As with Gladness Men of Old

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Sprit be with you all.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets

are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; Celebrant

> and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws All

in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Choir

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria MERBECKE

Celebrant

Glory be to God on high,

All

and in earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with

the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 60.1-6

Read by Carol Faye Petricko

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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 The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 *Deus, judicium.*



¹ GIVE the king thy | judgements, O | God, / and thy righteousness | unto the | king's | son.

² Then shall he judge thy people ac | cording unto | right, / and | thy | poor with | justice.

³ The mountains also | shall bring | peace, / and the little hills | righteous-ness | unto the | people.

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    <sup>4</sup> He shall keep the simple folk | by their | right, / save the children of the | poor, and | punish the | wrong doer.
    <sup>5</sup> He shall live as | long as · the | sun, / and while the moon endureth, from one gene | ration | to an | other.
    <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain upon the | mown | grass, / even as the | showers that | water the | earth.
    <sup>7</sup> In his time shall | righteous-ness | flourish; /
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yea, and abundance of peace, so | long \cdot as the | moon en | dureth. 10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles give | presents, /

and the kings of Arabia and | Seba | bring | gifts.

¹¹ Let all kings fall | down be | fore him, / and all | nations | do him | service.

¹² For he shall deliver the poor | when he | crieth; / or the needy also, and | him that | hath no | helper.

¹³ He shall have pity on the | weak \cdot and the | needy, / and shall pre | serve the | souls \cdot of the | poor.

¹⁴ He shall deliver their souls from | falsehood and | wrong; / and dear shall their | blood be | in his | sight.

Epistle *Ephesians 3.1-12*

Read by Daphne Harris

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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, in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn We Three Kings

(Book of Common Praise #748) REV. J.H. HOPKINS

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 light, 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, voices raising, worshiping him, God most high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of the Father before all worlds,

God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;

begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;

through whom all things were made:

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Please kneel or stand.*

Leader In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

Leader For the welfare of the Holy Church of God throughout the world: in the Anglican communion today, we remember the Scottish Episcopal Church.

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Leader For the ministry of this diocese: for Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, for the Parkdale West Toronto deanery, and for this parish, our clergy and people. By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Leader For peace and justice in the world: in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, and all areas affected by violence and unrest.By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Leader For the leaders of the nations: for Charles our King, Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier and Olivia our Mayor; for all who serve the common good. By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

For those in need in body mind or spirit: for those who have asked for our prayers, especially *NN*.By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth,

hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Leader For those who have died in the peace of Christ and for those whose faith is known to God alone: Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,

All And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Leader Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Leader In a moment of silence we offer other prayers, petitions and thanksgivings.

Celebrant Merciful Father, accept these our prayers or the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirt, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession. Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.

Celebrant Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God, accept the offering of thy Church, the hearts of thy people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

MERBECKE - Common Praise #682

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. *All kneel or be seated*.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is

my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Lord's Prayer – *sung together*

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 them that 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant We do not presume

All to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful

bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Choir

- O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
- O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
- O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace

Holy Communion

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. Please do not intinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.
- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion (*The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester – adapted*)

For those not receiving the sacrament we commend this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,

love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Communion Hymn 159 Brightest and Best

STELLA ORIENTIS

Motet No Small Wonder PAUL EDWARDS

Small wonder the star Small wonder the light

The angels in the shepherds in fright

But stable and manger for God

No small wonder

Small wonder the kings

Small wonder they bore

The gold and the incense

The myrrh to adore

But God gives his life on a cross

No small wonder

Small wonder the love

Small wonder the grace

The power the glory

The light on his face

But all to redeem my poor heart

No small wonder.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding, may love thee; and so loving, may give thanks to thee for our redemption through the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

All Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer unto thee ourselves our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work for thy praise and glory. Amen.

Celebrant Glory to God,

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

Recessional Hymn 139 The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude March of the Magi

THEODORE DUBOIS

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour | We hope you will join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. If you would like to help with this important ministry of hospitality please speak with Fran Brown, Laurie Sanderson or Joy Quan Lee.

Children going to Church School | Please gather at the entrance of the Church near the font to meet with Sileen Phillips, Children's Ministry Co-ordinator, and Carol Peck.

Altar Flowers | We are inviting members of the congregation to provide memorial/thanksgiving altar flowers. Available dates are January 14, 21 and 28. Please contact the Church Office or Sheila Thomas, 416.921.259.

Rector Wardens Meeting | The next meeting date is Wednesday, January 10th. Time and location TBA.

Ordination to the Priesthood of the Reverend Abraham Thomas

The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

Friday, February 2, 2024 at 7 pm.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Celebrant





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Ian Corlett (Kaspar) Geoffrey Sangwine (Melchior)

Daniel Lagover (Balthazar) Alex Chan (Page)

Musically directed by William Shookhoff Choreographed by Kathleen Mills Hazel Boyle, oboe

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We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.