



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
In thanksgiving for the Feast of the Epiphany and the gift of this New Year.

Children going to Church School at 10.30 am, please gather at the entrance of the Church
near the font to meet with Sileen Phillips, Children's Ministry Co-ordinator,
and Carol Peck.

Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am.

Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

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Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am.

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

The Reverend Abraham Thomas

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Keira van 't Hof, Celine Wong, Vincent Wong

Communion Ministers

Audrey Hughes, Gary Toneguzzo

Director of Music

Robin Davis

Mass Setting

Gloria- *Merbecke*

Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei - *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina



The Gathering of the Community

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

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Hymn 385 *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

ÜTTINGEN

Greeting

Celebrant 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 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

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

All **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

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.**

Children's Gathering

Hymn *We Three Kings*

(*Book of Common Praise #748*) THE 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, worshipping 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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Isaiah 60.1-6*

Read by Nancy Nourse

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 *Deus, judicium.* Sung by all.

Walter Parratt



- 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.
- ⁴ He shall keep the simple folk | by their | right, /
save the children of the | poor, and | punish the | wrong doer.
- ⁵ He shall live as | long as · the | sun, /
and while the moon endureth, from one gene | ration | to an | other.
- ⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the | mown | grass, /
even as the | showers that | water the | earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall | righteous-ness | flourish; /
yea, and abundance of peace, so | long · 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 · and the | needy, /
and shall pre | serve the | souls · 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 Alan Rands

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 160 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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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

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, sit or stand as comfortable.*

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

The prayers follow. The Celebrant concludes:

Celebrant Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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,

All **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.**

The absolution is pronounced.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St Matthew 5.16.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 139 *The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

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, 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.*

Celebrant 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*

MERBECKE

All **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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy 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.

During Communion

Hymn 285 *The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*

AETERNA CHRISTI MUNERA

Motet *The Three Kings*

PETER CORNELIUS

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,

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.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn 158 *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

STUTTGART

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *March of the Magi*

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion: The Church of Wales.

Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Parkdale-West Toronto Deanery.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for *Christ Church, Roches Point*, its provision of meals at Cedarvale Lodge, support of the local food bank, and raising awareness of local Indigenous justice and water protection issues; for *Christ Church, Scarborough*, its weekly food bank, advocacy and connections in the community, participation in Operation Backpack, and the Woolly Tree for winter accessories, its volunteers and the beneficiaries of the various projects; and for *Christ Church, Stouffville*, its Deacon Al Fund, providing assistance to people in need, support of the Yellow Brick House, Porter Place, Stouffville Food Bank, York Region Children’s Aid, and Community Care Access Centre.

Parish Cycle: Antony Morton, Deta Musgrave, Fenton & Moveta Nanton, Peggy Needham.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Marie Samuels–Isaac, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

Coffee Hour | All are invited to join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the service.

Altar Flowers | We are inviting members of the congregation to provide memorial/thanksgiving altar flowers. Please contact the Church Office or Sheila Thomas, 416.921.259.

Hymn Notes: *The First Nowell* (CP # 139)

This carol combines the stories of the shepherds and the wise men using facts slightly different from the gospels. Carols first came into use in Europe in the 14th century and were used for both religious and secular commemorations. They included both dance and song and had a refrain or “burden” sung before and after each verse. In England they were suppressed by the Puritans but returned in the 17th century. This carol is probably from the 17th century and was first published in 1823. “Nowell” is the old English form of the Latin “*natalis*” (meaning “birth”) and is an expression of joy shouted or sung, usually to commemorate the birth of Christ. The tune used to accompany this carol is probably a popular air from the west of England. Some scholars believe that it was originally a descant for use with another carol. Medieval tradition said that there were four shepherds – Misael, Achael, Cyriacus, and Stephanus. These names, along with the names of the three kings, were used as a charm to cure snake bites.

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