The Epiphany of the Lord

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church
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We Three Kings (Pre-Service Hymn)

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

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 for ever, ceasing never - Over us all to reign

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

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

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

Myrrh is mine it's bitter perfume - breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying - Sealed in the stone cold tomb

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

Glorious now behold Him arise - King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, alleluia - earth to heaven replies

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O Come All Ye Faithful - CP 118

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, - O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the king of angels; - O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, - O come let us adore him, - Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, - lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: - O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, - O come let us adore him, - Christ the Lord.

Led by the starlight, Magi, Christ adoring, - offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child bring our heart's oblations, - O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, - O come let us adore him, - Christ the Lord.

The Gathering of the Community

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: 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.**

Glory in the Highest Glory - CP 366

Glory, in the highest glory, - Peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks and praise unceasing - To the Source of all we raise:
Reigning in the sapphire height, - Hidden from our mortal sight,
Now receive our adoration, - As we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, - Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, - Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
Holy One, to You we pray, - Hear us in the realms of day,
With the Spirit there united, - And the Godhead high exalted.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray,
All: **Eternal God,**
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading - **Isaiah 60: 1-6** (Hazel)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

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; * **he shall rescue the poor and crush 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 kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * **and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
All kings 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; * **he 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.**

Second Reading - **Ephesians 3:1-12** (Cheryl)

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.
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Wise Men, They Came to Look - CP 161

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom, finding one wiser than they knew;
rich men, they met with one yet richer - King of the kings, they knelt to you:
Jesus, our wisdom from above, wealth and redemption, life and love.

Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries, searching for one who knows the world;
lost are their names and strange their journeys, famed is their zeal to find the child:
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed, aliens are found and known and named.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendour, led by a star to light supreme;
promised Messiah, Lord eternal, glory and peace are in your name.
Joy of each day, our song by night, shine on our path your holy light.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures - incense and gold and solemn myrrh;
welcoming one too young to question how came these gifts, and what they were.
Gifts beyond price of gold or gem, make among us your Bethlehem.

Gospel - MATTHEW 2: 1-12

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
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.
The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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 (Hazel)

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,
Most merciful God,
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 says,
Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you!
People: **And also with you.**

Good King Wenceslas - CP 145

Good King Wenceslas looked out - on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, - deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, - though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, - gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, - if thou knowest it, telling:
Yonder peasant, who is he? - Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, - underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence, - by Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, - bring me pine-logs hither,
thou and I will see him dine, - when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went, - forth they went together,
Through the cold wind's wild lament - and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, - and the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how; - I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page, - tread thou in them boldly,

thou shall find the winter's rage - freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod, - where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod - which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christians all, be sure, - wealth and rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor - shall yourselves find blessing.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: **Gracious God,**
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

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All ***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***
God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might

Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
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Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,
People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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 those who 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
People **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus, Lamb of God - CP 747

Jesus, Lamb of God, - have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, - have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, - give us your peace, give us your peace.

As With Gladness Men of Old - CP 160

What Child Is This - CP 137

What child is this, who, laid to rest, - on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, - while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king, - whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, - the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate - where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here - the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the king, - whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, - the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; - come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; - let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the king, - whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, - the babe, the son of Mary.

The First Nowell - CP 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.

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.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, - born is the King of Israel.

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.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, - born is the King of Israel.

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.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, - born is the King of Israel.

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

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, - born is the King of Israel.

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.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray**.**
All: **God of all the nations of the earth,**
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.

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.

The Blessing

Announcements

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy - CP 128

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, - The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, - And they say that His name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, - He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, - He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer! - He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby born, - The angels sang when the baby born,
The angels sang when the baby born, - And proclaim Him the Saviour Jesus.

He come from the glory, - He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, - He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer! - He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

The Wise Men went where the baby was born, - The Wise Men went where the baby was born,
The Wise Men went where the baby was born, - And they say that His name was Jesus.

He come from the glory, - He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, - He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer! - He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Acting Primate Anne, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Ottawa, for St. Timothy's in Edmonton, for the Gakana Parish in the Buyé Diocese, for the Paul First Nation, and for the Church of the Church in Wales.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Iain and Ann.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Bernadette, Margaret & Keith, Doreen & George, Jessica & Will; and their families.