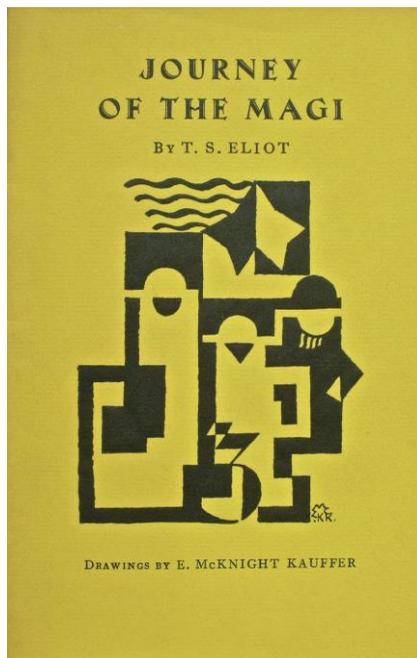




January 5, 2020 10:30am

# The Epiphany

## Welcome



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*Setting: Community Mass; John Lee (Congregational) Blue Hymn Books – Common Praise (CP)*

We are delighted that you are with us for worship today. If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to be contacted, please fill out the blue and white card in the pew. You may place it on the Offertory plate or give it to the clergy. Please stay for refreshments (Fair Trade coffee) after the service. Every person who is baptized is invited to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion with us. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask at the altar rail. We also ask that you refrain from dipping your wafers into the wine. All people are welcome to come to the altar at the time of communion. Cross your arms to indicate a prayer of blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion.

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**Celebrant:** The Very Reverend Donald Davidson

**Preacher:** The Venerable John Robertson

**Gospeller:** The Reverend Don Goodwin, Honorary Associate

**Prelude:** *The Wise Men*; Olivier Messiaen

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Very Rev. Donald Davidson**

**Opening Hymn:** CP160 *As with gladness men of old (Dix)*

## The Gathering of the Community

*All stand.*

**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 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.**

**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.**

**Kyrie Eleison (choir)**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Celebrant** Glory be to God on high,

**All** and in earth peace, good will towards men. 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, Jesus 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.

## **The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** Almighty and everliving God, 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 Children's Focus**

**Dean Don Davidson**

*The children leave afterwards for Children's Church*

# **The Proclamation of the Word**

## **A Reading from the Book of the Prophecies of Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Ruth Oliver**

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**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 72:1-7,10-14** (*spoken*)

<sup>1</sup> Give the king thy judgements, O God, / and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

<sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, / and thy poor with justice.

<sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace, / and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

<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 generation to another.

<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 righteousness flourish; / yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

<sup>10</sup> Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents, / and the kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> Let all kings fall down before him, / and all nations do him service.

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

<sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the weak and the needy, / and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

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

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-12**

**Ruth Oliver**

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: The Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand to sing and remain standing, and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

**Sequence Hymn: CP156 The people that in darkness sat (Dundee)**

**Gospeller** The Lord be with you

**The Rev. Don Goodwin**

**People** And with thy spirit

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 2:1-12

**People** 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.

**Gospeller** The Gospel of Christ

**People** Praise be to Thee, O Christ

## **Gospel Acclamation: CP360 Bless the Lord, my soul**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**The Sermon:**

**Archdeacon John Robertson**

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The people are invited to stand as they are able.*

**All I believe in one God, 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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

**Sarah Earl**

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.*

**The World and Environment:** For the world's needs this week, the environment, and the just and proper use of resources; for healing and right dealings with Aboriginal and First Nations people; for peace in our world and in our country.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, The Most Rev. Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki and Primate; The Most Rev. Don Tamihere, Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate; The Most Rev. Fereimi Cama, Bishop of Polynesia and Primate.

**Diocese:** Pray for Michael our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, and Justin Archbishop of Canterbury; pray for the Parish of St. Paul's, Marmora and St. Mark's, Bonarlaw, The Rev Canon Dr. Bob Wright, and their congregation.

**Interfaith:** For all who seek after God and a holy life of justice, peace, and love.

**Community:** Beth Israel Congregation, Rabbi Erin Polansky

**Parish:** Pray for St. George's Chair of Trustees Peter Case; and we pray for the following households: JoAnne Hawley, Annette Hayward, Greg and Sylvia Healey, and their families.

*Personal requests may be placed in the prayer basket on the altar for this Sunday. For continuing prayers, names may be left at the office for the Prayer Fellowship.*

**Prayer List:** for the Very Rev. Sharon Murdoch; the Ven. Michael Caswell; Vilma Gordon; John Bate; Lynda Redmond; Kathy Worton; Alethea; Kathy Anderson; Ayda Papazyan; John Weatherall; Dee Padfield; George Turcotte; Veronica Poland; Shirley Purkis; for those on our prayer chain; for all those serving in the Canadian Forces at home and overseas; and for those facing medical procedures.

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Celebrant** Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him...

**Celebrant** Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**All** 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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand, and the Celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn: CP159 Brightest and best (Stella Orientis)**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

*All stand, as able, and the Celebrant addresses the people.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People 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:

**All 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.**

**Celebrant** All 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:

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

**Celebrant** 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant** And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**All We do not presume 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 we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

### **The Communion**

*All those who are baptized are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cross your arms if you do not wish to drink from the common cup. All are welcome to come for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available – please ask at the Communion rail.*

*The Celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei (choir)**

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

grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant and people then receive communion.*

### **Communion Hymn: CP161 Wise men they came (Wer nur den lieben Gott)**

#### **Motet: The Three Kings; Peter Cornelius, arr. Michael Capon**

1. Soloist: Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star: and this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Choir: How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar our Jesse tree now bloweth. 2. Soloist: The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Choir: Of Jacob's stem and David's line, for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, my soul with love o'erfloweth. 3. Soloist: Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King. Choir: Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

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**

### **Doxology and Blessing**

**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.**

**Closing Hymn: CP158 Earth has many a noble city (Stuttgart)**

### **Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: Offertoire (Messe Pour les Paroisses); François Couperin**

**Readings for Sunday, Jan. 12, The Baptism of the Lord  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**

## Thank you to those assisting in today's service:

**Greeters/Sides people:** Larry Norman, Gemma Bennett, Gillian McNicholas

**Servers:** Derek Falkner, Carl Redmond, Judith Challis

**Lay Ministers:** Carl Redmond, Peter Gower, Barry Keefe

**Refreshments:** Fellowship Committee members

**St. George's Dean and Rector:** The Very Reverend Don Davidson

**Dean's Warden:** Harold Redekopp

**People's Warden:** Tony Ashworth

**Deputy Warden:** Laurel Dempsey

**Verger:** Jane Kirkpatrick

**Music Director:** Michael Capon

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)** are available. Please ask the sides people if you would like to use one. Look for the red lanyards.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are now available to collect from the table at the back. Envelopes are in alphabetical order for your convenience in locating your NEW number. Please contact Marg in the church office if you have any questions or cannot locate your offering box.

**Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday Jan 7** at 5:00pm in the Library

**Bishop's Little Flock** 12:15 Eucharist will resume on **Wednesday Jan 8**, in the Lady Chapel.

**Centering Prayer** will resume on **January 8 and 22**, starting at 4:30 pm.

**Healing Eucharist Service** at 10:30am will resume on **Thursday Jan 9**, in the Lady Chapel.

**The plan to hold** a "pay what you wish" *Chilifest* lunch in the Great Hall following the 10:30am service, in January, is currently on hold as we await the installation of the new elevator. More information will be provided as soon as available.