

# The Epiphany of the Lord

Area Parish of Mississippi Lake, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

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*We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace. This land has been cared for and inhabited by indigenous people since the beginning. For those who gather from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.*

*Page numbers refer to the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymn numbers in Common Praise are as indicated.*

## The Holy Eucharist

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## The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

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

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.

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive reading

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.**

*Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Second reading**

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.

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**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.

*Matthew 2:1-12*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

## **The Nicene Creed**

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Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory**

to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for *le Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada,** we pray for

**ACC:** The Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous People

**ELCIC:** Bishop Michael Pryse, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Bishop Shane Parker; Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester and their priest The Reverend Arran Thorpe. All Saints Westboro and their priest The Venerable Chris Dunn. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Peter’s Church, Birzeit, West Bank.

**In our Parish** we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Rob, Larry, John** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning ...*(short silence)*

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

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

*If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone you love, please contact the church office at [office@stjamescarletonplace.ca](mailto:office@stjamescarletonplace.ca) or 613-257-3178.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace in the name of the Lord. Please add a comment on YouTube if you are watching online.*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## The Preparation of the Gifts

### The Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

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

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

*Preface for Epiphany, p 220*

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.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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,  
**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.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
**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 6**

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We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*This prayer is intended to help us all focus on the sacrament of Holy Communion, whether we receive the bread and wine in-person or not. You may wish to offer this prayer privately, or aloud when worshipping as a group.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hearts;  
now we put our lives into your hands.  
Take us, renew us and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.  
Lead us on. Take us with you.  
In your name we pray. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

## **Dismissal**

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from [A Wee Worship Book](#), Wild Goose Resource Group