



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

January 7, 2024

10:00 AM

## Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome Team: June H, David Be and David Bo

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Pickering, but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis Nation, continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Celebrant: The Rev Shelly Pollard

Homilist: The Rev Richard Newland

Guest Organist: Alexandra Weiss

Prelude: Emmanuel God With Us

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Jason Ingram. CCLI Song #7183147*

Sentence: We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

*Matthew 2:2*

**Opening Hymn: 155 From East to West, from Shore to Shore**

**vs 1,3, 6 & 7**

From east to west, from shore to shore,  
Let every heart awake and sing  
the holy child whom Mary bore,  
the Christ, the everlasting King.

For this how wondrously He wrought!  
A maiden, in her lowly place,  
became, in ways beyond all thought,  
The chosen vessel of His grace.

And while the angels in the sky  
sang praise above the silent field,

to shepherds poor the Lord most high  
the one great Shepherd, was revealed.

All glory for his blessed morn  
to God, the source of all is due;  
all praise to you, O Virgin-born;  
all praise, O Holy Ghost, to you.

*CP 155 – From East to West, from Shore to Shore.*

*Text: Caelius Sedulius (5<sup>th</sup> cent. ?); tr John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.*

*Music: Melody Trier MS (15<sup>th</sup> cent.); adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);*

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## **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.

**All:** **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 To God**     **365 Glory to God on High**

Glory to God on high,  
and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
the Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb,  
who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
with Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.

*CP 365 Glory to God on High.*

*Text: Glory to God (Gloris in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©.*

*Music: John Darwall (1731-1789). CCLI Song # 5683022*

## **The Collect**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Reader: Pat D**

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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Celebrant: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**All: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

Celebrant: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

Celebrant: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

Celebrant: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**All: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

Celebrant: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

**All: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

Celebrant: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

**All: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Celebrant: O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## Second Reading Ephesians 3: 1-12

Reader: June H

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel** *Please stand as you are able for the Gospel*

**Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

*Sing A New Creation*

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Sing A New Creation 192*

*Music: Melody Caribbean trad.; arr John L. Bell, 1990*

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**Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: 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.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

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**Homily:**

The Rev Richard Newland

**Musical Reflection An Epiphany Prelude for Flute & Organ**

*Charles Callahan*

*Gord Ratcliffe, Flutist*

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**Celebrant:** 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

Intercessor: Peter D

### Confession & Absolution

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

### *Moment of Silence*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: 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: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn: 156 – The People That in Darkness Sat

The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

For thou their burden dost remove,  
and break the tyrant's rod,  
as in the day when Midian fell  
before the sword of God.

For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.

Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.

*CP 156-The People That in Darkness Sat.*

*Text: John Morison (1750-1798).*

*Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615.*

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### Prayer over the Gifts

*Please stand as you are able*

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 CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

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

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

*CP 732 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-). ©1971, 1977  
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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,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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 children; 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer (Sung)**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let pray and sing,

**All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us**

today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.

*Text: BAS page 211. Music: Sibbick arr. Lambert.*

### *Moment of Silence*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*BAS 6 Incarnation*

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.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

#### **Agnus Dei**

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*CP 745 Lamb of God.*

*Music: Becket Gerald Senchur (1946- ).*

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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those who choose not to receive Communion, or are following the service online)*

Celebrant: Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

All: **My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you, and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## A Communion Prelude for Flute & Organ

Charles Callahan

Gord Ratcliffe, Flutist

### Communion Hymn: 70 – Jesus the Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,  
true source of life, our lives sustain;  
from the best bliss that earth imparts,  
we turn unfilled to you again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;  
you rescue those who on you call:  
to those yet seeking, you are good;  
to those who find you, all in all.

We taste of you, the living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still.  
We drink from you, the fountainhead,  
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Our restless spirits long for you,  
however may our lot be cast,  
glad when your gracious smile we view,  
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay:  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
shed through the world your holy light.

*CP 70 -Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts.*

*Text: Latin (Jesu, dulcedo cordium, 12<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Alt.*

*Music: Henry Percy Smith (1825-1887). CCLI Licence #11469691.*

### Choir Anthem On This Day Earth Shall Ring

CP 150

#### Prayer after Communion

*Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

## **Doxology & 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.**

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, remain with you and the ones you love now and forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn: 162 - Sing of God Made Manifest**

Sing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign--  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed

as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where both voice and vision waned  
until Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

*CP 162-Sing of God Made Manifest.*

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*Music: Melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). CCLI #11469691.*

## **Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia!

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

**Postlude:** Receive Our King

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and Jared Anderson. CCLI Song #7069629*

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