

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Epiphany of the Lord | Sun, Jan 1st, 2023, 10:30am Eucharist

Childcare and children's programming are not available at this service.

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: What Star Is This (*Tune: Puer Nobis*)

PLEASE STAND

What star is this with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a new-born king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.

To God Creator, heav'nly light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit blest we raise an endless song of thankful praise!

Welcome & Greeting

Presider: "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

All: Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

Presider: From eternity to eternity you are God,

All: and now we see you as a newborn child.

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gloria in Excelsis (*Tune: Iris*)

Glory be to God in heaven, peace on earth in all our days!
King and Lord, almighty Father, praise and blessing now we raise:
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lamb of God, O Lord most holy, Jesus, take our sins away;
You are seated with the Father, hear our voices as we pray:
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Jesus, you are Lord and Saviour, you alone the Holy One,
With the Holy Spirit blessed and the Father on the throne.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Collect for Epiphany

Presider: 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 OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

PLEASE BE SEATED

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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 72:1-7, 1-14 *(Tune: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing)*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Give the king your justice, Lord; share it with your royal son.

May he justly rule your folk and give justice to th'oppressed.

May the land be prosperous; may the hills know righteousness;

May he be fair to the poor, help them but oppressors crush.

May he be fair to the poor, help them but oppressors crush.

May the rulers of far lands bring their gifts unto the king.

May all kings bow down to him; may the nations all serve him.

For he heeds the needy's call, helps the poor and helpless ones.

He takes pity on the weak and he saves the poor ones' lives.

He redeems from violence; precious is their blood to him.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus.

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 to 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 to 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 keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Cantor: *People:*

1. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, ha - le lu - jah!

Cantor:

Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

People:

Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! *repeat v.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection)

The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition, "Holy God," with, "Hear our prayer."

The Peace

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: CP#135 The First Nowell

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain.*

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain.*

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. *Refrain.*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #6

Presider: 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.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. Those who are baptised may receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest. This invitation is extended to all – children and infants included.

If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your hands over your chest when you are presented with the chalice. Dipping the bread in the chalice is not permitted. Receiving in one kind is considered full participation in the sacrament.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music During Communion

Hymn: #160 *As with Gladness, Men of Old*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,
So may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright need they no created light:
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

Prayer after Communion & Doxology

PLEASE STAND

Presider: 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.

The Blessing

Presider: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient Are

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

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 the perfect Light.*

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain, gold we bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never over us all the reign. *Refrain.*

Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God on 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 rise, King and God and Sacrifice.
Heav'n sings, "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah!" earth replies. *Refrain.*

Dismissal

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