



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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*A diverse and vibrant parish that glorifies God and welcomes all people*

## WELCOME

*A warm welcome to the Reverend Victoria Scott and St. Luke's parish who are joining us in our livestream worship. Today, Canon Hilary Murray is leading worship at St. Stephen's, Ottawa.*

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**January 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**

10.30 am Sung Holy Eucharist (Live-streamed)

Service music: New Plainsong Mass – David Hurd

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### Prelude

*Andante sostenuto (Symphonie gothique) - Charles-Marie Widor*

### Welcome

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Hymn

*As with gladness men of old - Dix*

*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.*

*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.*

## Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.  
**May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

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.**

Almighty God,

**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.**

## Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collect of the Day

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, so that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**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*

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.

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## **Gradual**

*The Three Kings – Peter Cornelius*

*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. 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. 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.*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn**

*Brightest and best – Stella Orientis*

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid:  
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

*Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion  
odours of Edom and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?*

*Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**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**

Let us pray.

Joined together in communion with the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one mind to God the Creator, saying "Lord, hear our prayer."

That all the churches of the world will fulfill Jesus' command to bring the Gospel of love to every heart and to every place. For the Anglican Communion, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. For the Anglican Church of Canada and for Linda our Primate; for Anne our Metropolitan and Shane our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ottawa as we care for one another in these pandemic days. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the righteousness of God may guide the hearts and minds of the world's leaders into ways of justice and reconciliation; that there may be peace in Jerusalem and across the face of the earth, in every nation and among all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the compassion of God will call all the children, women and men who live in our communities to care for each other, especially those who are impoverished, isolated, exploited, marginalized, or victimized. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the healing of God will visit all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; especially those suffering in any way from coronavirus, and those we hold in our hearts and minds at this time. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the comfort of God will be with those who suffer loss and those who mourn; and that the hope of Christ will be with us as we remember those who have died, especially any known to us. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, accept our prayers this day, spoken aloud and in our hearts. By the working of your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with you and make each of us signs of your endless love, your steadfast hope, and your calming peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our light, our guide, and our strength. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

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. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness – Was lebet*

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.*

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name!*

*We invite you to make an offering to the Cathedral at this time by sending an e-transfer to [info@ottawacathedral.ca](mailto:info@ottawacathedral.ca) or by going to: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5519>.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### 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

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say: *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 you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By

raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty God, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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.**

### **Communion**

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

### **Agnus Dei**



## Motet

*Love came down at Christmas – Reginald Morris (Hermitage)*

*Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and neighbour, love for plea and gift and sign.*

## THE SENDING FORTH

### 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.**

Glory to God,

**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.**

### Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Go forth in the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Three Kings of Orient*

*We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain,  
Moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.*

*Refrain:*

*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 forever,  
Ceasing never  
Over us all to 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;  
Sorr'wing, sighing,  
Bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia,  
Alleluia!  
Sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

## Postlude

*Allegro finale (Symphonie gothique) - Charles-Marie Widor*

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## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

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