

# Welcome to St. George's

The Epiphany of the Lord Morning Prayer on-line Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others.

Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:

**Prayers-Tracy**

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:27am.

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.





THE EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD  
AN ONLINE SERVICE OF  
MORNING PRAYER  
Sunday January 2, 2022  
10:30am

PRELUDE

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (BWV 614)  
*(The old year has passed away)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Played by *Anton Heiller*





# The Lighting of the Christmas Candle

*Priest:* As we celebrate the Epiphany, we light our Christ candle to welcome the light of Christ into the world.

*Family:* We are alight with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.  
We light the candle which is The Light of Christ.

*People:* **We celebrate. Jesus is with us.**

*The Christ candle is lit*



## Opening Responsories

*Officiant:* We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him (*Matthew 2: 2*)

*Officiant:* Blessed are you, Son of David;  
born to rule;  
you received gifts from the wise men.  
Blessed are you, Son of Man;  
baptized by John,  
you saved us from ourselves.  
Blessed are you, heavenly King;  
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,  
you proclaim the kingdom.

*People:* **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

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*Officiant:* With all the voices of heaven  
we celebrate the coming our Saviour.

***People:* Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

*Officiant:* With all the creatures on earth  
We sing and dance at his birth.

***People:* Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most  
High.**

*Collect for purity:*

Officiant:

*All*

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.**

*Collect for the Epiphany of the Lord*

*Officiant:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

# Hymn 137

## What Child is This?





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

*Book of Alternative services p. 797*

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

**11** All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

**12** **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \***  
**and the oppressed who has no helper.**

**13** He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**14** **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \***  
**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

**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.**

# Old Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (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.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

**People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

*A moment of silence is observed.*

# HYMN

## We Three Kings



## **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 2: 1-12)**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



*A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.*

Homily: The Rev. Susan Searle



# Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*Book of Alternative services p.53*

**Officiant:** I believe in God,

**People:** 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.**

**ANTHEM**  
**The Magi's Dream**

***by* James Whitbourn**



# The Prayers of the People

Leader: As we join the wise men from the East and humbly lay our gifts at the feet of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

Leader: We pray for the Church throughout the world...

*Prayers for the church are offered.*

Leader: God, whose promise is for all nations; may your Church be a beacon to draw all people to kneel at your presence.

To you we pray:

**All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice...

*Prayers for the world are offered*

Leader: God of power and might, may the nations walk by your light, and kings and queens by your shining radiance.

To you we pray:

**All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

Leader: God of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation. To you we pray:

***All:* Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: We pray for travellers, for the sick and the suffering, and all who have commended themselves to our prayers...

*We pray for those who have asked us for our prayers*

*During the silence, please add your requests aloud,  
or in the silence of your own hearts.*

Leader: God of healing and restoration, with myrrh we seek your anointing presence on all who suffer.

To you we pray:

**All: Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. May we all come to see the dawning light of your rising glory...

*The names of those who have died are offered*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Remembering Mary the mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**All: To you, O Lord.**

Priest: God of the stars of night, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. Like the magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant:* Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so we have the courage to say

*People:* **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.**

# **HYMN 160**

## **As with Gladness Men of Old**





# Blessing

*Priest:* Christ our Lord,  
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,  
reveal to you his glory  
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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



## POSTLUDE

**In dir ist Freude (BWV 615)**  
*(In Thee is gladness)*

**J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

**Played by *Helmut Walcha***

Please consider sending your offering as you are financially able

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- ❖ Contact the office to initiate or change your PAR giving
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# Announcements

- For information email or call the church office  
([office@st-georges.org](mailto:office@st-georges.org)) or 514-866-7113)
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm  
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Next on-line Services:  
January 10th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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