

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-Bill

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 3, 2021
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 end of the Christmas Season and the Epiphany, we light our Advent and Christ candles together for the last time.

Family: We are alight with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.
Today we light the central candle.
We name this candle 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: O Lord, open our lips
People: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: Visit us with your salvation
People: **and grace us with your sustaining Spirit.**

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

Amen.

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 134

What Child is This?





Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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- 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 160
As with Gladness Men of Old



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. Debbie Noonan



Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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.

HYMN

We Three Kings





The Prayers of the People

Leader: Father of the heavens, the star blazed forth to shine the way to your incarnate Son. Guide us with that same blazing star in the mission of your Church.

Prayers for the church are offered.

Leader: Help your people to shine the light of your Word into the darkness of this world and point the way for all to come home.

Hear us, O Lord:

***All:* Lead us to light and life.**

Leader: Lord of the nations, remember in your kindness all those entrusted with earthly government.

Prayers for the world are offered

Leader: Give to all leaders the wisdom to exercise their authority so that all may be raised up and be served.

Hear us, O Lord.

***All:* Lead us to light and life.**

Leader: All-compassionate Father, hear the prayers of all who are in need. Remember the imprisoned, those persecuted for the faith, the home-bound, the hospitalized, the lonely and the suffering.

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: Shine on them with the comfort of your Word and relieve them in their distress.

Hear us, O Lord.

***All:* Lead us to light and life.**

Leader: Giver of life everlasting, we pray for those who are dying, and those whom you have welcomed home.

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: Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people,
and strengthen us to do your will;
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.**



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*

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Announcements

- For information email or call the church office
(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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