

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

ST. GEORGE ANGLICAN CHURCH



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 31ST, 2023 ~ 10:00AM

We Gather As God's People

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #146
TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

Celebrant We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him. *Matthew 2.2*

WELCOME: If you are visiting us - Welcome!

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all,
People 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.

† **GLORIA**

(Please Stand)

All 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.

† **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant Eternal God,
All 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.

We Listen To God's Word

Reader 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.
ISAIAH 60:1-6

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reader A reading from **Psalm 72**

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.**

**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.**

Amen. PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Reader 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 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. EPHESIANS 3:1-12

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

G RADUAL HYMN #137 WHAT CHILD IS THIS GREENSLEEVES

† THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Lord be with you, *(Please stand)*
People **and also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to: **Matthew**

People **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. MATTHEW 2:1-12

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

† **SERMON** Rev. Bryce Sangster

A moment of quiet reflection

ANTHEM

† **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand)*

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.

We Respond To God's Word

† **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor Let us pray.

(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor Lord, have mercy upon us.

God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us therefore pray for those who do not yet know the light and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, for missionaries, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the hungry and the homeless, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers especially [*name silently or aloud...*], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the unloved and the forgotten, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we

pray for, Christ Church, Brampton, its support of local outreach ministries, including Regeneration, Knights' Table, Coldest Night of the Year, and the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre; for Christ Church, Deer Park, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank, its refugee sponsorships, Saturday morning breakfast program, Let Your Lights Shine outreach donation program, and the Deer Park Skills Institute in Uganda; and for Christ Church, Holland Landing, its community lunch, Christmas meal at the local seniors' centre, support of the Helping Hand food bank, Inn From the Cold, meal and snack programs at local schools, Crosslinks, Women's Shelter of York Region, and other local agencies, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for the Free Methodist Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done, and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

God's forgiveness. *Silence....*

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)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN # 143

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY REGENT SQUARE

† **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant Gracious God,

All 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.

We Celebrate At God's Table

† **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #3**

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People and also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.

All (CP689)

**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.

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 sons and daughters; 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

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

All 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.

† BREAKING OF THE BREAD # 6

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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

† THE COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to come to the altar to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms at the rail.

† COMMUNION HYMN REMEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant God of all the nations of the earth,

All 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.

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.

† THE BLESSING

† BENEDICTION HYMN

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious be gracious unto you
The Lord lift His countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN # 118 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL ADESTE FIDELES

~ Dismissal ~

Please note that the Christ Church Office will be closed on 9 January 2 and 3

Christ Church ACW Meeting

Please note that the next ACW Meeting is on Tuesday January 9 (the second Tuesday of the month for January only). The meeting will be at 2 pm in the Church (also a change from normal). All are welcome! Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the meeting.

Next Sunday January 7th, 2024, Brennan Scanlon
The Baptism of the Lord ~ Morning Prayer

Readings

GENESIS 1:1-5

PSALM 29

ACTS 19:1-7

MARK 1:4-11

Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.



**Christ Church Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday - Friday
Closed between 12:00 - 1:00pm**

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