



The Epiphany January 3, 2021

Welcome

Minister

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

Prayer

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.

Confession and Absolution

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Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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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.

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Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

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 Psalm: 72.1-7, 10-14

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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.**

The Reading: Matthew 2.1-12

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² 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.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "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.” ’

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.’ ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Regis

Apostles’ Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
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, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

The Offertory - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God.*

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 Prayers

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that 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.

Minister O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Minister O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Minister Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Minister O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Minister Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Minister Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Leader All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

People **Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!**

Leader With joy let us pray to our Savior,
the Son of God who became one of us, saying:

People **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

People **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

People **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

People **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted. We pray for those who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Stella, Ed, Norma, Shirley, John, Amini, Evelyn, Jackie, Leila, Alice, Gary and family, Ed, and for all those we name now, silently or aloud. Amen.

People **The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God, gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all

the hosts of heaven, unending praise to God in whom all things find their ending, now and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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In our prayers this week:

The Anglican Communion

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

ACC The Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous People

ELCIC Bishop Michael Pryse, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod

Diocese of Toronto

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Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:

The clergy and people of Christ Church, Roches Point; Christ Church, Scarborough; Christ Church, Stouffville and their outreach activities.

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

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Celebrating a January birthday: Winsome Gayle, Gloria Reinbergs

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