

**Lord's Prayer** (BAS p. 918)

McNeil Robinson

**Breaking of the Bread**

BAS, p. 213

**Agnus Dei** (Common Praise 747)

Schubert

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest when the priest approaches. Feel free either to stand or to kneel – we ask that you not lean on the rail.*

**Communion hymn 137: What child is this** GREENSLEEVES

*Refrain: This, this, is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste, to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.*

**Prayer after Communion**

BAS, p. 280

**Doxology**

*Priest: 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.**

**Blessing**

**Prayers for the commissioning of a theological student**

**Closing hymn 139: The First Nowell** THE FIRST NOWELL

**Dismissal**

*Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Welcome to everyone here today!*

*Please join us after Mass for refreshments  
and conversation in the parish hall.*

**Intercessions List**

A list is available each Sunday on the small table at the entrance.  
Please feel free to add your own petitions, and the names of  
those you would like prayed for during Mass.

**Prayers have been asked today for:**  
Phyllis, Vanesta, Marcelle, Becky, Mark, Kadeem,  
Montelle, Jermaine, Alex, Tejah, Chris

**For announcements and up-coming events,  
see the separate take-home leaflet.**



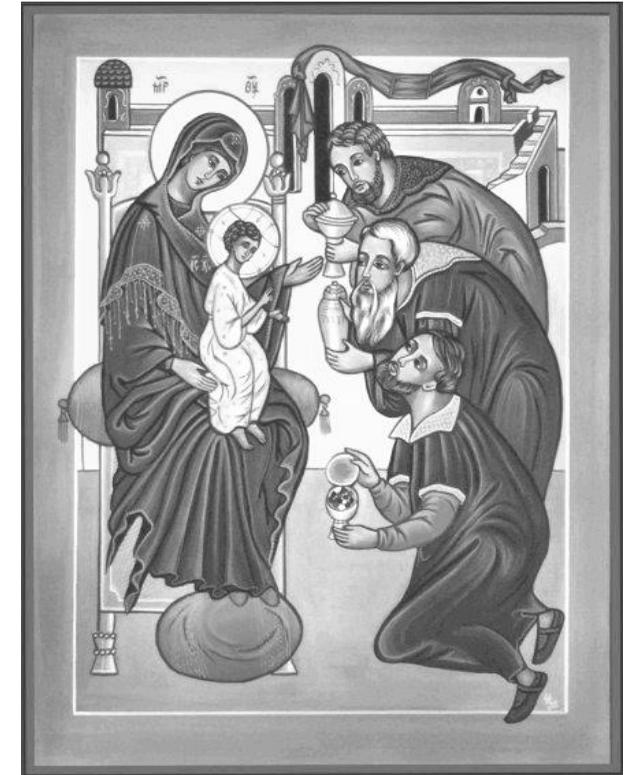
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# Church of the Most Holy Martyr Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



**Feast of the Epiphany**  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**SUNG MASS AT 10:30**

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

The service begins on page 185 of the Book of Alternative Services (BAS).  
Hymns and service music are found in the blue Common Praise hymnal.

**Processional hymn 150:** *On this day* PERSONENT HODIE

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Priest: 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.**

**Kyrie** (*Common Praise 705*) Schubert  
**Gloria** (*Common Praise 686*) Hurd  
**Collect of the Day** BAS, p. 280

### Liturgy of the word

(A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily).

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 60.1-6

**Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14:** *Deus, iudicium*

1 GIVE THE king your justice, O God, /  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
2 That he may rule your people right-eously /  
and the poor with jus-tice;  
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the peo-ple, /  
and the little hills bring right-eousness.  
4 He shall defend the needy among the peo-ple; /  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-pres-sor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-dure, /  
from one generation to a-noth-er.  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, /  
like showers that wa-ter the earth.  
7 In his time shall the righteous flour-ish; /  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no-more.

10 **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay trib-ute, /  
and the kings of Arabia and Sa-ba of-fer-gifts.  
11 All kings shall bow down be-fore him, /  
and all the nations do him ser-vice.  
12 **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in dis-tress, /  
and the oppressed who has no help-er.  
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; /  
he shall preserve the lives of the need-y.  
14 **He shall redeem their lives  
from oppression and vi-o-lence, /  
and dear shall their blood be in his-sight.******

**Epistle:** Ephesians 3.1-12

**Gospel acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia (*Please stand, as able*)

*Gospeller: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12**

*Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.*

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

*The traditional Epiphany announcement of the date of Easter  
will be made following the Gospel.*

**Homily:** Mtr Maggie Helwig

**Nicene Creed** BAS, p. 188

### Intercessions

(Names and prayers may be added to the list at the entrance)

*When the departed are prayed for:*

V: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

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

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

**R: Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Priest: 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.*

*Priest: 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.**

*Priest: 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.**

### Laying on of hands

(Please come forward if you desire prayer for healing or a blessing).

### Peace

*Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

### Announcements

### Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory hymn 159:** *Brightest and best* STELLA ORIENTIS

**Prayer over the Gifts** BAS, p. 280

**Eucharistic Prayer 3** BAS, p. 198

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Priest: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface:** *Preface of Epiphany* BAS, p. 220

**Sanctus** (*Common Praise 735*) Schubert