

# The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



## The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday January 7, 2023

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

*Matthew 2.2*

**Celebrant:** The Rev'd Canon Maggie Helwig

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Prelude

### Greeting

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

*Response* **And also with you.**

### Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant* Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory.  
We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

### Hymn: *Personent hodie*

GERMAN, 14TH CENTURY

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| 1 | Personent hodie voces puerulae,<br>laudantes jucunde qui nobis est natus<br>summo Deo datus,<br>Et de vir-, vir- vir-, et de vir-, vir-, vir-,<br>et de virgineo ventre procreatus.                     | <i>Let the voices of children resound today,<br/>joyfully praising the One who is born to us,<br/>given by most high God,<br/>and conceived in a virginal womb.</i>                   |
| 2 | In mundo nascitur, pannis involvitur<br>praesepi ponitur stabulo brutorum,<br><br>rector supernorum.<br>Perdidit, -dit, -dit, perdidit, -dit, -dit,<br>perdidit spolia princeps infernorum.             | <i>He was born into the world, wrapped in<br/>swaddling clothes, and laid in a stable<br/>for animals,<br/>the master of the heavens.<br/>The Prince of Hell has lost his spoils.</i> |
| 3 | Magi tres venerunt, parvulum<br>inquirunt,<br>Bethlehem adeunt,<br>Stellulam sequendo, ipsum adorando,<br>Aurum, thus, thus, thus,<br>aurum, thus, thus, thus,<br>aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo. | <i>Three Magi came, and sought the little one;<br/><br/>they came to Bethlehem,<br/>following a star, to worship him,<br/>and to offer him gold, frankincense,<br/>and myrrh.</i>     |

4	<p>Omnes clericuli, pariter pueri, cantent ut angeli: advenisti mundo, laudes tibi fundo. Ideo, -o, -o, ideo, -o, -o, Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.</p>	<p><i>Let all priests, like the boys, sing like angels: “You have come into the world; I pour out praises to you. Therefore, glory to God in the highest!”</i></p>
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### **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Response* **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*Response* **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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Response* **And also with you.**

## **Gloria**

*Hurd*

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*Cantor* **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.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty 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 forever.

*Cantor* **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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

## **First Lesson: Isaiah 60.1-6**

*Reader* A reading from the prophet 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.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

***Response***    Thanks be to God.

**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 righteously /**  
**and the poor with jus-tice;**
- 3      That the mountains may bring prosperity to the peo-ple, /  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 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 an-oth-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 flou-rish; /  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no<sup>^</sup>more.
- 10    **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tri-bute, /**  
**and the kings of Arabia and Sa-ba of-fer<sup>^</sup>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 nee-dy.
- 14    **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and vio-lence, /**  
**and dear shall their blood be in his<sup>^</sup>sight.**

## **Epistle:** Ephesians 3.1-12

*Reader*        A reading from the letter 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.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.

*Response*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel acclamation: Alleluia**

*Cantor*       **Alleluia.**

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

*Gospeller*    The Lord be with you.

*Response*    **And also with you.**

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

*Response*    **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Holy Gospel:** 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.

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of Christ.

*Response*    **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**       Mtr Maggie Helwig

### **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*    Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*Response*    **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Intercessions**

*Bidding* Show us your child, O God,

*Response* **For together we walk in faith, hope and love.**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Offertory hymn 159: *Brightest and best***

STELLA ORIENTIS

- 1     Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
      dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
      gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
      guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
- 2     Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
      low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
      angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
      Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.
- 3     Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
      odours of Edom and offerings divine,  
      gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
      myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?
- 4     Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
      vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
      richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
      dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5     Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
      dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
      gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
      guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.



## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Cantor* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*Cantor* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Cantor* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface of Christmas**

*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.

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Proulx*

*Cantor* **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,

***Response***    **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 children;

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.

**Response**    **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Robinson*

*Celebrant*    As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Cantor    Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*    We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**Response    God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*Senchur*

**Cantor    Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,  
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated,  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
I present to you my soul and body  
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.  
And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.  
Let nothing ever separate you from me.  
May I live and die in your love.  
Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
God of all the nations of the earth,  
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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*Response* **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**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all, and remain with you always.

*Response* **Amen.**

**Hymn 160:** *As with gladness men of old*

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- 1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly king.
- 4 In the heavenly country bright need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

***Response* Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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