

The Epiphany



**10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, January 5th, 2025**

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

**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.**

Sentence: We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him. Matthew 2:2

Please stand.

Hymn 277 - Hark the Herald

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [**Refrain**]

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. [**Refrain**]

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

Rev. Oz: 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.

GLORY TO GOD *(sung)*

**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.

Hymn 288 - We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. **[Refrain]**

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God on high. **[Refrain]**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Earth to haven replies [**Refrain**]

Please be seated.

Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: 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.

All: Amen

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness will cover the earth

And deep darkness the peoples;

But the Lord will rise upon you

And His glory will appear upon you.

³ Nations will come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ "Raise your eyes all around and see;

They all gather together, they come to you.

Your sons will come from afar,

And your daughters will be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will see and be radiant,

And your heart will thrill and rejoice;

Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you,

The wealth of the nations will come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels will cover you,

The young camels of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba will come;
They will bring gold and frankincense,
And proclaim good news of the praises of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7

Give the king Your judgments, God,

And Your righteousness to the king's son.

² May he judge Your people with righteousness

And Your afflicted with justice.

³ May the mountains bring peace to the people,

And the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he vindicate the afflicted of the people,

Save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May they fear You while the sun *shines*,

And as long as the moon *shines*, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,

Like showers that water the earth.

⁷ May the righteous flourish in his days,

As well as an abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring gifts;

May the kings of Sheba and Seba offer tributes.

¹¹ And may all kings bow down before him,

All nations serve him.

¹² For he will save the needy when he cries for help,

The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.

¹³ He will have compassion on the poor and needy,

And he will save the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ He will rescue their life from oppression and violence,

And their blood will be precious in his sight;

Second Reading – Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader: A reading from Ephesians

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² if indeed you have heard of the administration of God's grace which was given to me for you; ³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before briefly. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to mankind, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, ⁷ of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. ⁸ To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to enlighten all people as to what the plan of the mystery is which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; ¹⁰ so that the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*. ¹¹ *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ² "Where is He who has been born King

of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.⁴ And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah;
For from you will come forth a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.”⁹ After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them until it came to a stop over *the place* where the Child was *to be found*.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹ And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And after being warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, *the magi* left for their own country by another way.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Please be seated.

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**People: 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.**

Please kneel or sit to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: 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.**

Rev. Oz: 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

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

Hymn 265- The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **[Refrain]**

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. **[Refrain]**

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. **[Refrain]**

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **[Refrain]**

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought. **[Refrain]**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: 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.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Rev. Oz: 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;**

Rev. Oz: 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 forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**People: 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Oz: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

People: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

THE COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font.

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. You may receive communion at either the front or at the rear of the church, when available. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion.

***You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful.
Please refrain from talking during this time.***

Arise & Shine- Robin Mark

Arise and shine your Light has come
The glory of the risen Lord
Is shining through our hearts and lives
That all the world might see His light

Arise and shine, the nations come
And kings assemble at your dawn
Your sons and daughters from afar
Return and fill your hearts with joy

Arise and shine Your light has come
Arise and shine and call the wanderers home

Arise and shine, the nations come
And kings assemble at your dawn
Your sons and daughters from afar
Return and fill your hearts with joy

Hymn 488- Just as I am

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am - Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Hymn 235- I Cannot Tell

I cannot tell why He, the King of Heaven
Should leave the peace of all eternity
Why God Himself should lay aside His splendour
To leave the Father's side and come to me
But this I know, our silence filled with singing
And all our darkness fled from heaven's light
When Christ the Lord, so human, yet so holy
In love was born a child for me that Holy night

I cannot tell why He, the Joy of Heaven
Should give Himself to suffer for my sin
Why Holy God should love me in my shamefulnes
Why He should die to draw my soul to Him
But this I know, That Christ the Lord is risen
And praise His Name, He's risen now in me
Because He lives, I'll rise to life eternal
He took my guilty heart and I'm forever free

I cannot tell when He will rule the nations
How He will claim His loved ones as His own
And who can tell the Holy jubilation
When all His children gather round His throne
But this I know, All flesh will see His glory
And skies will burst as all creation sings
The Son will rise on one eternal morning
When Christ the Saviour of the world is Lord and King

Please stand and sing.

Post Communion Song

Hymn 290. As with Gladness Men of Old

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.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger bed;
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So, may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn 270. Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

DISMISSAL

Leader: We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen

Prayers of the People – January 5th, 2025

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)
This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

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The Moravian Church in Canada

The Rev. Jason Andersen, president of the Western District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,
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Matthew St. Pierre.

OUR WORLD

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OUR CITY CHURCHES

Temple Baptist, Ed Lehman.

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen
and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec
The Reverend John Willems, Blenda and their family
Elizabeth Crabb, Sandra Craven, John and Grace Crisp; and
their families.
Bible Study Groups
Compassion Canada & Teguh and Timo in Indonesia
The GriefShare Program
The Saturday Meal Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Dave; Jim; Sherry; Deanna; Betty Ann; Tobin; Scott; Kevin;
Wade; Helen; Harvey; Arleen; Becca; Chase; Alicia; and
their families

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Our Mission is Glorifying God as
Agents of His Reconciliation.
"God was in Christ reconciling the world to
Himself - and He has committed to us the
word of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:19

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We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:

Celebrant

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Prayers of the People

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