



**St. Paul's Anglican Church
Epiphany, January 7th, 2024
Indigenous Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

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Congratulations to Ethel Morris

Processional Hymn #CP385 Worship The Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

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

The 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.

People: And with thy Spirit

Celebrant Almighty God,

All: unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All: Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of The Day

All.: 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



Ethel Morris was nominated by the Parish of St Paul's, Lindsay for the Order of the Diocese of Toronto for her loving and willing service to her Lord and her Church in the areas of liturgy, outreach, mission, hospitality and education.

Ethel, we all so proud of you!

Upcoming Services

January 14th, Baptism of The Lord

January 21st, Epiphany 3

January 28th, Conversion of St. Paul

all know the warm, outgoing personalities these ladies have, and they set the mood for each guest coming in (and going out).

People were truly welcomed to St. Paul's' .

Thanks go to Linda and Larry Todd for helping me through the last minute rush (+), and to Phyllis for all the hours she put in (before, during and after). Thanks to David Strickland for the wonderful Christmas music he provided on his guitar. Finally, my thanks goes out to each of you for the desserts, donations, and other places where you stepped up to help make this much needed dinner happen. God Bless.

Faith & Friendship – Creation Care series

This Epiphany, the Spiritual Development Committee is pleased to offer a Creation Care series via Faith & Friendship sessions on Monday evenings. Beginning on January 22, we will look at series of short videos by renowned climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe. Dr. Hayhoe is a Christian, a Canadian and Chief Scientist at the Nature Conservancy. Her easy demeanour means that her videos are very accessible to anyone who is interested in having an honest discussion about climate change. The Creation Care series will run over 4 Mondays: Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5 & Feb 12. **Also, please watch for news on our Lenten Study to be released soon!**

St Paul's Pantry in Winter

We have put together a list of foods suitable for winter in the cupboard. Below are some ideas. A full list is available in the main hall .

Some suggestions are below:

Peanut butter, Dried beans, Beef Jerky, crackers, fruit cups, cup a soup , cup a noodles. Pablum. Toiletries such as toilet paper deodorant , soap ,Feminine hygiene products. Please do not forget the pet food that is donated also. We thank everyone who contributes to the ST. PAUL's PANTRY

2024 Canadian Church Calendars have arrived and are available for \$7.00

Did you know...that St. Paul's is now offering free ESL classes? Graham & Kim Walsh offer these, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 am. Please pass this info along to anyone who you think may benefit from some lessons in English.

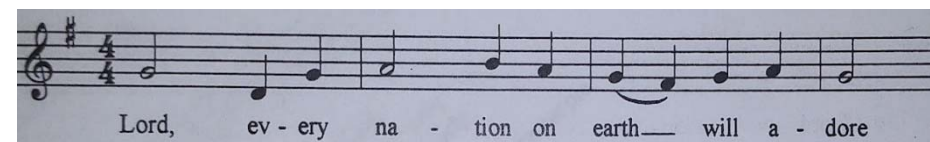
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

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
People Thanks be to God

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 Rev Canon Greg Physick



1. 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. **R**

2. 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. **R**

3. 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. **R**

4. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
And the king 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. **R**

5. 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. **R**

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading Ephesians 3 : 1-12

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

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. **R**

5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Earth to heav'n replies. **R**

The Dismissal



Please join us after the service for refreshments.

Announcements

Next weeks readings :

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7

Mark 1: 4-11

Christmas Dinner 2023 - Paul Carpentier – Convenor

We had an amazing, yet humbling, Christmas Day Dinner at St. Pauls'. What a privilege to be the hands and feet delivering God's provisions and love to those in need. One hundred and eight guests were fed, with many having seconds (+). There was 140 lbs of turkey and 30 lbs of ham, plus all the fixings, consumed. They really wanted their meat and potatoes, and surprisingly went light on desserts. Nine people received a portion of the 40 lb turkey that Kawartha Food Services had us cook and pass on to those in need. We also gave out many a take home left-over package to help them out. It was so rewarding, but again humbling. There were 21 exceptional volunteers who made the event successful. They intuitively saw what needed to be done and made it happen. It was obvious (and verbalized) how much being part of this dinner "Made Their Christmas". My heartfelt thanks goes out to them! I also wish to thank Bev Baxter and Betty Hooper for being our greeters. We

Hymn # CP159 The Brightest and The Best

Anthem *Christ Be Our Light*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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. **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.

Blessing

Recessional: We Three Kings of Orient are

Refrain:

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

1. We three kings of Orient are:
Bearing gifts we traverse a far.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star. R

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain:
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign R.

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. R

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

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn CP# 158 Earth has Many a Noble City(V 1,2)

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 2 : 1-12

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Gradual Hymn CP# 158 Earth Has Many a Noble City(V 3-5)

Homily Rev. Bonnie

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Together we say the words of the Creed

All I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.

Silence

Agnus Dei (sung)

All O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn # CP5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn # CP48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Celebrant Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Prayers of The People

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, (*and specially to thy servant N our bishop*), that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant to thy servant Charles our King and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, (*especially those for whom our prayers are desired*).

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Leader: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept.

All: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour**

and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

People: And with thy Spirit

Offertory Hymn CP# 551 My Faith Looks up to Thee.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.
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.