



**CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH**

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

January 2, 2022

*A Service of Worship Streamed*

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## **A Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)**

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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church of Canada is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

### **THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

*Christmas.* Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

*St. Luke 2. 10, 11.*

*Epiphany.* The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

*Habakkuk 2. 14.*

### **Welcome:**

**Opening Hymn:** What Child is This CP137

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy

praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister, all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

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.*

**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, open thou our lips;  
*People.* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Minister.* O God, make speed to save us;

*People.* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People.* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord;

*People.* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

*Epiphany is an example of a Christian festival that owes a great deal to its traditional psalm. The first reading speaks of God's light shining throughout the earth and of travelers coming from far with gifts of gold and frankincense, and we respond by singing Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14. This is a royal psalm, asking God to bless the Israelite king, and Christians see in its imagery a description of Christ who comes to reign over all. This psalm speaks of kings from three cities who bring their gifts, and the use of this psalm at Epiphany has turned the unnumbered magi of Matthew 2 into "the three kings" of Christian calendar, art, hymnody, and pageants.*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy; and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People.* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### **VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO. PSALM 95**

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O COME, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: / 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, / “It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways”;  
Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.’

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

### **First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

*The lectionary appoints this poem from Isaiah because it served as a backdrop for Matthew as he wrote of the meaning of the birth of Jesus. The light becomes for Matthew the star, and the gold and frankincense are gifts that the magi present. Thus for Matthew the gifts of the magi affirm that Christ is the light that the poem from Isaiah described.*

**A**rise, 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.

### **Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:1-12

*The reading is appropriate for Epiphany because it speaks of the revelation of the mystery of Christ. The magi saw the light, and now believers also see the wisdom of God revealed in the life of Christ.*

*We celebrate that light in our worship, and we see Christ in the scriptures, in the bread and wine, and in one another.*

**T**his 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 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 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.

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

*This reading proclaims that even as a young child, Jesus is recognized as a king of the Jews who has significance for the entire globe. Even the sky shows new light. Not only Jews, but also people from other religions see God’s light in Jesus. Christians have seen their gifts to the poor and to the church as like the gifts of the magi. Herod’s threat is a down payment on the cross.*

**I**n 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.

*Then shall be said or sung the Confession of the Faith, called the Apostles’ Creed.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:*

The Lord be with you;

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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. Amen.**

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

***People.* And grant us thy salvation.**

***Priest.*** O Lord, save the Queen;

***People.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

***Priest.*** Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

***People.* And make thy chosen people joyful.**

***Priest.*** O Lord, save thy people;

***People.* And bless thine inheritance.**

***Priest.*** Give peace in our time, O Lord;

***People.* And evermore mightily defend us.**

***Priest.*** O God, make clean our hearts within us;

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

### **The Collect for The Epiphany of Our Lord**

**Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
so that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004 alt.*



**The Sermon:** “Rabble Rouser for Peace: A Bright Light” the Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, Rector

*The Second Collect, for Peace.*

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Third Collect, for Grace.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Hymn:** As with Gladness Men of Old CP160

*A Prayer for the Queen and the Commonwealth.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, the Parliaments of Canada and all the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A General Thanksgiving, to be said by the Minister alone, or by the Minister and people together.*

ALMIGHTY God, of all mercies, We thine servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all people; [\* particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn: What Kind Of Greatness**



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