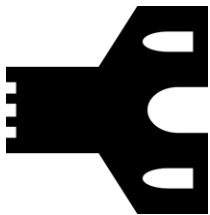


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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*The Magi Approach*

## The Epiphany of the Lord December 31st, 2017—10:00 a.m.

*Welcome.*

*This church is a place of prayer and encounter with God. The stones of these walls have sheltered people seeking the presence of the Holy One for almost two centuries. This place of worship has been made hallowed by the prayers of generations and you are welcome to join your heart and voice to theirs.*

*St John's is an inclusive community of faith in the Anglican tradition: we welcome saints and sinners, people of faith and of no faith, people who are sure they know everything and those who are full of questions. Men and women may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender expressions, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.*

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee, on whose land and by whose waters we gather by the Williams Treaty to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

The hymns are found in the blue hymn book Common Praise in the pew racks.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Prelude

### Announcements

Please stand as the hymn begins.

**Hymn 118—O Come, All Ye Faithful**      *Adeste Fideles* (vv. 1-4, 5a)

### Introit

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

### The Greeting

*Presider*      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.**

### Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 702

#### Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*  
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.  
*Refrain*

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. *Final Refrain*

## Collect of the Day

*Please sit at the conclusion of the prayer.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT 690)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

*The choir sings the verses. The congregation joins in the refrain (R).*



O God, with your judgement endow the king; with your justice endow the king's son. With justice he will govern your people, your afflicted ones with right judgement. **R**

Justice shall flow'r in his days, lasting peace 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts, those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute. All kings shall pay him their homage, all nations shall serve him. **R**

He rescues the poor when they cry out, the afflicted with no one to help. The lowly and poor he shall pity, the lives of the poor he will save. **R**

### Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12 (NT 193)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the music begins.*

*The readings can be found in the Bibles on the book racks at either entrance. The page numbers are in brackets and indicate Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT).*

## Alleluia

Hymn 715

*A procession brings the Gospel Book into the midst of the congregation and we turn towards it.*

*This symbolises the presence among God's people of the living Word in the person of Jesus Christ.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT 2)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

*The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation.*

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Please be seated after the prayer that begins the sermon.*

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Presider stands.*

*If you missed part of the sermon or would like to listen to it again, it will be posted on our website in the Worship section.*

## The Nicene Creed

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

*All* **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.

## The Prayers of the People

### Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence*

*All* Most merciful God,  
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.

*The Presider pronounces the absolution of sin, to which all answer, "Amen."*

*The Prayers of the People are offered by members of the congregation. They reflect the needs and concerns of the local church and community, and of people in various kinds of need, sickness, or adversity throughout the world.*

*The **Peace** is exchanged with a handshake or similar greeting with those immediately around us as a symbol of our reconciliation with our neighbour before approaching the altar. It is not necessary to move from one's place.*

*At the **Offertory**, gifts of bread and wine, signs of the fruit of human labour, are brought to the altar to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, signs of God's love for the world.*

*The **offering plate** is passed for the money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives. Money may be offered as cash or cheque—if placed in an envelope (visitors' envelopes are in the pews), tax receipts are issued for donations of twenty dollars or more.*

## The Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn 160—As With Gladness Men of Old**

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### Prayer over the Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer

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*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God...  
...as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God...  
 ...Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
*All* **we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**  
*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...  
 ...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
 now and forever.  
*All* **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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Setting by David Haas

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your  
 name, your king-dom come, your will be done on  
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our  
 dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give  
 those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the

*Jesus is the Host who invites us to share his Table. All those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to receive*

**Communion** in both bread and wine. Please come forward to receive Communion as invited by the Sidespeople.

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.*

*Communion may be received at either the High Altar or in the Chapel. The Chapel is accessible for those who find stairs difficult.*

*If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the Communion minister.*

*Please do not dip the bread into the wine.*

*After making your Communion, please return to your seat to pray in silence.*

time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the  
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er.

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### Breaking of the Bread

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

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

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Fraction Anthem

Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
earth he stood, Lord of Lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
for, with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to us ap -  
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the  
proach - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.



## Communion

Hymn: 158—Earth Has Many a Noble City

Stuttgart

## Anthem

“Bells Over Bethlehem”, arr. Laurence H. Davies  
*Bells and more bells over Bethlehem! Loud is the air and alive with them! Ring out the bells o'er Bethlehem! O angels who ring them, what tidings do you bring? Joyful tidings we are bringing, News of Jesus' birthday ringing. He, through love, will bring salvation unto all in ev'ry nation. Ring out the bells o'er Bethlehem! O angels who ring them, glad tidings do you bring!*

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING

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*Please stand when the Presider returns to the altar.*

### Prayer after Communion

*Presider* All your works praise you, O Lord,

*All* and your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Having been fed with the  
spiritual food of our  
Lord, we now **prepare to  
be sent** into the world to  
share the light and life of  
God.*

### Blessing

*The Presider offers the blessing; the congregation responds, “Amen.”*

Hymn We Three Kings of Orient Are

Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, 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.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising all men raising,  
worship him, God most high.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom:  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise, king and God and sacrifice;  
alleluia, alleluia! Sounds thru the earth and skies!  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

### Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### Postlude

*All are welcome to remain after the celebration for a time  
of refreshment and fellowship in the Guild Hall.*

## Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher  
Organist  
Sacrist  
Crucifer  
Server  
Readers  
Intercessor  
Chalice Administrators  
Chapel  
Bread Administrator  
Elements  
Greeters  
Sidespeople

The Rev. Brad Smith  
Julie Deck

Joyce Evans and Esther Dore  
Emily Coombes  
Miriam Stroud and Shirley Clarke  
Sarah Jenkins and Esther Dore  
Gerri Currier

Team 1, captain John Balfour

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The Rev. Brad Smith  
*Rector*

The Rev. Christian Harvey  
*Deacon*

The Rev. Terry Noble  
The Rev. John Runza  
The Rev. Steve Smith  
*Honorary Assistants*

Ms Julie Deck  
*Interim Director of Music*

Mr Walter Howell  
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## Welcome!

### **Children's Ministry**

St John's welcomes children and youth. They are welcome to remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. For children who are not yet of school age, there is a professional child care provider staffing our Nursery, which is at the end of the hallway past the washrooms. For school age children, we offer a weekly Sunday School from September to June where kids hear the same Bible readings as in the worship service and engage in activities that are designed to teach the faith.

### **On Posture in Worship**

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

### **Visitor's Cards**

Please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the pocket at the aisle end of your pew. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

### **Assistive Hearing Devices**

If you are hard of hearing, headsets to assist you to hear the service are available. Please ask a Greeter or Sidesperson (usher) to assist you in finding and operating a headset.

### **Accessibility**

St John's is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance. There are three accessible parking spots in the upper lot off Brock St. The church is level with the Brock St entrance and all other levels of the facilities are accessible via elevator.

### **Washrooms/Change Table**

Fully accessible washrooms are located down the hall to the right as you enter the lobby from Brock St. A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

### **Fragrances**

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.