



The Feast of the Epiphany January 4th, 2026—4:00 p.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. All persons may share equally in the life and leadership of our church and we worship with and serve people of different ethnicities, politics, gender identities and sexual orientations, economic circumstances, and abilities. This church belongs to God, so all of God's children are welcome here.



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Preludes Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie
Chorale Prelude on "Wie Schon Leuchtet der Morgenstern"

Maurice Duruflé
Dietrich Buxtehude

The Congregation stands as the hymn begins.

Hymn 158—Earth Has Many a Noble City

Stuttgart

The Sentence

Officiant We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:2

Preces and Responses

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Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

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

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

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

The Congregation sits; the Choir remains standing to sing the Psalm.

Psalms

96; Tone VIII.2 and 100; Tone VIII.1

A pause is observed at the : in each line; each verse carries on into the next one without pause.



Cantor O SING unto the Lord a new song :

All sing unto the Lord, **all** the whole earth.

All Sing unto the Lord, and praise his **Name** :
be telling of his salva-**tion** from day to day.

Cantor Declare his honour among the **na**-tions :
and his wonders a-**mong** all peo-ples.

All For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be **prais**-ed :
he is more to be fear-**ed** than all gods.

Cantor As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but **i**-dols :
but it is the Lord that **made** the hea-vens.

All Honour and majesty are be-**fore** him :
Strength and beauty are in his **sanc**-tu-a-ry.

Cantor Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the **peo**-ples :
ascribe unto the Lord **glo**-ry and power.

All Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his **Name** :
bring presents and come **in**-to his courts.

Cantor O worship the Lord in the beauty of **ho**-li-ness :
let the whole earth **stand** in awe of him.

All Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is **King** :
 he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;
 he shall judge the **peo**-ples righteous-ly.

Cantor Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be **glad** :
let the sea make a noise, and all **that** is there-in.

All Let the field be joyful, and all that is **in** it :
then shall all the trees of the wood re-**joice** be-fore the Lord;

Cantor For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the **earth** :
All and with righteousness to judge the world, and the **peo**-ples with his truth.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** :
 and **to** the Ho-ly Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.



Cantor O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye **lands** :
All serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his **pre**-sence with a song.

All Be ye sure that the Lord he is **God** :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep **of** his pas-ture.

Cantor O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with **praise** :
be thankful unto him, and speak **good** of his Name.

All For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is ever-**last**-ing :
and his truth endureth from generation to **ge**-**ne**-**ra**-**tion**.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** :
 and **to** the Ho-ly Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world with-**out** end. A-men.

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader

The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, in the forty-ninth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The Congregation stands.

Magnificat

Frank Shera

Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

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.

The Congregation sits.

Second Lesson

Matthew 12:14-21

Reader

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel of St Matthew, in the twelfth chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. 'Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The Congregation stands.

Nunc Dimittis

Frank Shera

Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider

I believe in God,

All

**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.**

Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Congregation sits.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

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

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

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

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

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

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for the Parish Bicentennial

Officiant God of life and love, who didst put into the hearts of our ancestors in faith the building of a church in this place: we give thee thanks and praise for thy steadfast mercy through the generations; for the calling of this parish of St John the Evangelist to serve the needs of our neighbours and to proclaim the good news of thy kingdom. In our bicentennial year, renew in us our zeal for thy mission: let us be generous, compassionate, and faithful servants of the gospel and wise stewards of the heritage handed down to us, that this place and its people may be a light upon the hill, showing forth thy love to all who see it. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Anthem "From the Rising of the Sun"

Frederick A. G. Ouseley

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great, among the Gentiles; and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

Malachi 1:11

The Intercessions

A Prayer of St John Chrysostom

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Grace

All **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.**

The Congregation stands.

Hymn	139—The First Nowell	The First Nowell
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Postlude	Chorale Prelude on “Wie Schon Leuchtet der Morgenstern”	Johann Pachelbel
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Today's Music

PRELUDES: French organist, teacher, recitalist and composer **Maurice Duruflé** (1902-1986) did not write a lot of music during his lifetime, only 14 published works and a handful of unpublished ones. He was very critical of his own works and often revised them later in his life. His **“Prélude sur l’Introit de l’Épiphanie”** was written in 1961, one of the last works he published. The melody in the left hand, played on a reed stop, is based on an ancient plainsong tune for Epiphany. Duruflé was titular organist at St. Étienne-du-Mont in Paris from 1929 until he suffered serious injuries in a car accident in 1975, which curtailed his performing career. I have been playing this piece on Epiphany Sunday in his memory for decades now.

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) was a North German organist and composer of mainly organ and vocal music. His chorale prelude on **“Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern” (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)** is a multipart work. The first two parts show the tune in a relatively simple setting, first in the bass, then in the soprano voice. The music quickly grows more complex, with first a fantasy and then a fugue based on the melody. The last rhapsodic section is a brilliant finale with rapid notes and in the last four bars even the pedals join the fun. (with notes by Auke Jongbloed)

ANTHEM: Sir Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1889) is one of the most neglected, but most fascinating characters in nineteenth-century church music. A child prodigy, having written an opera at the age of 8, he later became a baronet in 1844. He became a curate at an Anglo-Catholic Church and developed his ideas of the cathedral service, which became the standard model. He was also a Professor of Music at Oxford University. As a composer, he wrote relatively little. However his anthem **“From the Rising of the Sun”** is still regularly sung to this day. It is a short work of hymn-like character. As with all his church music, Ouseley allows the words to speak clearly to the listener—exemplified by the setting of the words ‘thus saith the Lord!’. The text (from the Book of Malachi) clearly chimed with his own Oxford Movement-inspired Anglo-Catholicism: ‘and in every place incense shall be offered up’. (with notes by William McVicker)

POSTLUDE: There are quite a few organ settings (including some by Bach) of **“Wie Schon Leuchtet der Morgenstern”**. One outstanding example was written by **Johann Pachelbel** (1653-1706), one of the giants of German organ music before Bach. Pachelbel was briefly employed in Eisenach, Bach’s birthplace, where he met J.S. Bach’s father, Johann Ambrosius Bach and developed a close friendship with the Bach family. He then accepted a post in nearby Erfurt, where the Bach family was well-known, and later stood as godfather to J.S. Bach’s elder sister, Johanna Juditha, as well as serving as a teacher to J.S. Bach’s older brother Johann Christoph Bach. Pachelbel’s setting places the tune in the pedals accompanied by rapid flowing figures on the manuals.

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Welcome!

Children's Ministry

We welcome children and youth, who may 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. Families are most welcome to use the activities in the children's area in the church and to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children.

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

If you're visiting, please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the rack on the bookcase in the Chapel. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

Making an Offering (Donation)

To support the ministry of the parish, an offering may be made by placing cash or a cheque in an envelope available where you picked up this order of service. Please write your name and address on the envelope, then place it on the brass offering plate. Tax receipts are issued for gifts of \$20 or more. We also have a convenient pre-authorised giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to office@stjohnspeterborough.ca. Please visit www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate for more information.

Accessibility

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance, from where all levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

Washrooms/Change Table

Accessible washrooms are located down the hall from the narthex (lobby). 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.