



HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FEAST OF THE  
EPIPHANY

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CHRIST'S CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

*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 is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we gather today on the lands occupied by the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. We honour and respect these nations and commit ourselves to walk together gently upon this land.

## The Gathering of the Community

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE                      La Nativité                      Jean Langlais  
                                    La Creche- Les Anges- Les Bergers- La Sainte Famille

### WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN                      The People That in Darkness Sat                      CP#156

The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.

To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

For thou their burden dost remove,  
and break the tyrant's rod,  
as in the day when Midian fell  
before the sword of God.

For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.

Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid;  
**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.**

THE GLORIA      Glory to God on High

CP#365

Glory to God on high,  
and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
almighty God and Father blessed  
in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
the Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb,  
who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
with the Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.  
*The community may pray silently. The presider then says the collect:*

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. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

*A reading from the book of Isaiah.*

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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 72

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.*

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.*

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 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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Earth Has Many a Noble City

CP#158 (vs.1-3)

Earth has many a noble city;  
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:  
out of thee the Lord from heaven  
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing  
seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle  
make oblations rich and rare;  
see them give, in deep devotion,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*This reading is from one of the four Gospels (Matthen, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Earth Has Many a Noble City

CP#158 (vs. 4-5)

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth their God disclose,  
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped  
at thy glad epiphany,  
unto thee, with God the Father  
and the Spirit, glory be.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

## THE CREED

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three “persons” of God – the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The presider invites the people to confession,*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

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 neighbour 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 offers absolution and the people respond*

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.

**Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*The community stands for the Peace.*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**



## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### THE OFFERTORY

*At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church. All are invited to make a gift to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world either by depositing your gift in the receptacle near the baptismal font or by donating online at [www.cathedralhamilton.ca](http://www.cathedralhamilton.ca)*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Wise Men, They Came to Look

CP#161

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,  
finding one wiser than they knew;  
rich men, they met with one yet richer-  
King of kings they knelt to you:  
Jesus, our wisdom from above,  
Wealth and redemption, life and love.

Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries,  
searching for one who knows the world;  
lost are their names and strange their journeys,  
famed is their zeal to find the child:  
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed,  
aliens are found and known and named.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendour,  
led by a star to light supreme;  
promised Messiah, Lord eternal,  
glory and peace are in your name.  
Joy of each day, our song by night,  
shine on our path your holy light.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures-  
incense and gold and solemn myrrh;  
welcoming one too young to question  
how came these gifts, and what they were.  
Gift beyond price of gold or gem,  
make among us your Bethlehem.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

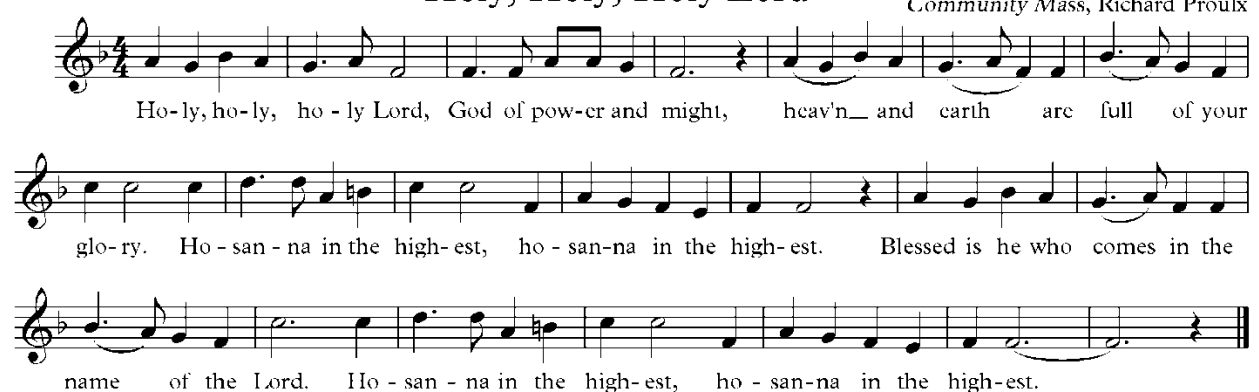
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** *Community Mass, Richard Proulx*



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.

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, we proclaim the mystery of faith,  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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 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. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

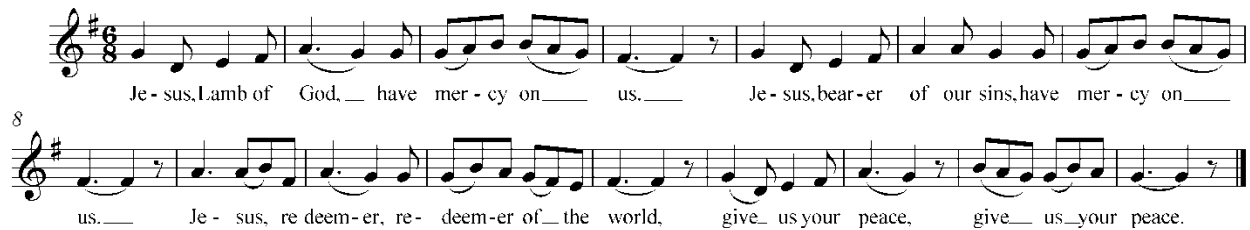
We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

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

## THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Greensleeves

arr. Ralph Vaughan-Williams

## The Sending Forth of the Community

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.**

Glory to God, 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE BLESSING

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever. **Amen.**

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  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with joyful song,  
raising voices pure and strong,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
alleluias to our king.

#### THE DISMISSAL

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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