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## *The Epiphany of the Lord*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

10:30 A.M.

*Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream*

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# Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: [www.thecathedral.ca](http://www.thecathedral.ca). Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.  
Dean & Rector



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We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship; Sunday school will resume on Sunday Jan 11th for children aged 2.5 years and older.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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# *The Gathering of the Community*

## **Processional Hymn**

### *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

**(CP 622)**

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. and adapt. William Mercer (1811-1873), alt.

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, melody Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

1 How bright appears the morning star  
with mercy beaming from afar;  
the host of heaven rejoices.  
O righteous Branch of Jesse's rod,  
true Light of Light and God of God,  
we, too, will lift our voices.  
Jesus, Jesus, holy, holy,  
yet most lowly, ever near us,  
great Emmanuel, swift to hear us.

2 Though circled by the hosts on high,  
you looked on us with pitying eye  
and saved your sinful creature;  
the whole creation's head and Lord,  
by highest seraphim adored,  
you took our very nature.  
Amen, amen, alleluia,  
alleluia, praise be given  
evermore by earth and heaven.

*Presider* In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

*All* From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

*Presider* In this time and place, we give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.

*All* A light no darkness can quench.

*Presider* In this time and place, we give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

*All* The light of all people.

*Presider* In this time and place, we pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds.

*All* That we might be the light of God in the world.

*Presider* In this time and place, together, one people of God.

*All* In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Hymn of Praise**

### *Glory to God*

**(CP 686)**

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950- ).

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

*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 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**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Reader* Word of God, word of life.

*All* Thanks be to God.

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

**Refrain** from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

All na - tions shall be - hold the won - ders God has done.

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. **Refrain**

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.

**Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

## **The Second Reading**

*At the conclusion of the epistle:*

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

## *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

(CP 158)

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413?); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878).

Music: STUTTGART, melody *Psalmodia Sacra*, Gotha, 1715; adapt. Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

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

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

2 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.

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

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

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Matthew Senf

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Nicene Creed

Deacon 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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. Who 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

*Please scan the QR code on the back page for The Prayers of the People.*

## The Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* 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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* We confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed. We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love. We repent of our narrow-mindedness, of our bitterness and our prejudices. Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Presider* 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.

*All* Amen.

## The Peace

*Presider* Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* And also with you.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

### The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Your generous gift of any amount matters, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

*Presider* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labour to the Lord.

## Offertory Hymn

### *The First Nowell*

(CP 139)

Text: English trad.

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, melody English trad., (17th cent.), alt.; arr. John Stainer (1840-1901), alt.

1 The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

3 And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*  
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

2 They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood salvation bought. *Refrain*

*Please stand*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider*      Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,

*All*              the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
                    in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*All*              And also with you.

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*All*              We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*      It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
                    always and [...] join in their unending hymn:

### *Eucharistic Prayer H*

### **Common Worship**

**Sanctus*****Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*****(CP 689)**Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950- ).

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider* Lord God, you are [...] our human weakness.***All*** **Amen. Lord, we believe.***Presider* Embracing our humanity, Jesus [...] the hope of glory.***All*** **Amen. Lord, we believe.***Presider* On the night [...] remembrance of me.***All*** **Amen. Lord, we believe.***Presider* In the same way [...] in remembrance of me.***All*** **Amen. Lord, we believe.***Presider* Therefore we proclaim [...] his coming in glory.***All*** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***Presider* As we recall [...] offering in your sight.***All*** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.***Presider* Look with favour [...] with power from on high.***All*** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.***Presider* Gather your people [...] almighty Father, for ever and ever.**Hymn*****Amen*****(CP 734)**Music: *Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

**Organ**

A - men, a - men, a - men.

*Ringing of the bell. (x3)*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

(CP 744)

Music: Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); arr. Neil Cockburn.

*Presider*



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 to-day our daily bread.  
For give 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 for ever. Amen.

*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. Thanks be to God.

## **Fraction Anthem**      *Lamb of God*

(CP 690)

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-).



Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world:  
have mer cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the  
sin of the world: have mer cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

## The Communion

To receive the consecrated bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the priest with palms open. To receive the consecrated wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. Please do not dip the bread into the wine. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest

## During Communion

### *Personent Hodie*

On this day earth shall ring  
with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King,  
born on earth to save us;  
him the Father gave us.

*Refrain:*

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,  
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth;  
when he came down to earth  
Bethlehem saw his birth;  
ox and ass beside him

## Hymn

### *Brightest and Best*

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid:  
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid:  
gem of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

## The Prayer after Communion

*Presider*

Let us pray.  
God of all the nations of the earth,  
guide us with your light.

*All*

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.

### *Personent Hodie*

Text: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

Music: melody German, 1360, arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934).  
from the cold would hide him. *Refrain*

God's bright star, o'er his head,  
Wise Men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed,  
lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him. *Refrain*

On this day angels sing;  
with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King,  
born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us. *Refrain*

### (CP 159)

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826).

Music: STELLA ORIENTIS, Healey Willan (1880-1968).

3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

## The Doxology

Presider      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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

Presider      In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

All              **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]**

*The Priest blesses the chalk to be taken by the faithful for the marking of homes in witness to the Epiphany of our Lord.*

## The Blessing

Presider      May Christ the Son of God, perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

**(CP 160)**

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), alt.

Music: DIX, Konrad Kocher (1786-1872).

1 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.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger 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.

2 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.

4 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.

## Dismissal

Deacon      Go in peace to bear Christ's light to the world..

All              Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Postlude

*Allegro Maestoso e Vivace, from Sonata 2, Op. 65.*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-47)



Today's Flowers are given;

*In loving memory of my dear daughter Helen-Elizabeth.*

*By Anne Popple*



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