



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
Sunday, January 4th, 2026 – 10AM
Epiphany of our Lord
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Andrea Christensen

Those Assisting in our Worship Service

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PRELUDE

SERVICE SETTING

Land of Rest

Richard Proulx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORY

♪ OPENING HYMN #160 As with Gladness, Men of Old

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 the 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 GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING

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

All And also with you.

Leader Almighty God,

**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

♪ GLORIA

**Glory, in the highest glory, Peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise:
Reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
Now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word Eternal, born of Mary, Word made Flesh, the Face of Heaven:
Holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,
With the Spirit there united, And the Godhead high exalted.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD TO US

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

PSALM 72: 1-7, 10-14

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

All The he may rule your people with righteousness, and the poor with justice;

Reader That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

All He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

Reader He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

All He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

Reader In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

All The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

Reader All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

All For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

Reader He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

All He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and deal shall their blood be in his sight.

Reader Let us pray: **O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 1-12

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, praise to God.
Alleluia, praise to God.
Praises, high praises,**

**We bring you, O God.
Alleluia, praise to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12

R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Leader 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

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

♪ OFFERTORY HYMN #159 Bright and Best

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.

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.

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?

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.

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 OVER THE GIFTS

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #3

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader 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.

♪ SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader 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 give 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, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

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 children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the 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 for ever.

All Amen.

♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD #6

Leader 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.**

THE COMMUNION

Leader The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

♪ AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, Miserere nobis

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Dona nobis pacem

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I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

#157 Rise Up and Shine

Rise up and shine! Your light has come;
God's glory breaks like dawn.
For though the earth be cloaked in night
and gloom shrouds everyone,
yet over you the Lord will rise,
with glory gleaming clear,
till nations turn to seek your light
and humbled kings draw near.

Fling wide your gates, both day and night;
no more keep watch or guard.
You will be called God's holy hill,
the city of the Lord.

No sound of strife will plague your land,
nor harm besiege your ways;
"Salvation" will you name your walls,
and all your portals "Praise."

No more will you implore the sun
to shed by day its light,
nor will you need the changeful moon
to glisten through the night.
Your glory then will be your God,
whose light will never cease.
Rise up and shine! Your light has come
to give you joy and peace.

139 The First Nowell

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.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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]

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]

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]

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]

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]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

DOXOLOGY

Leader 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.

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

♪ CLOSING HYMN

#145 Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out
on the feast of Stephen,
when the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
though the frost was cruel,
when a poor man came in sight,
gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
if thou knowest it, telling:
yonder peasant, who is he?

Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain,
right against the forest fence,
by St. Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
bring me pine-logs hither;
thou and I will see him dine,
when we bear them thither."

Page and monarch, forth they went,
forth they went together,
through the rude wind's wild lament,
and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger:
fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer."

"Mark my footsteps, my good page,
tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
freeze your blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christians all, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.

Choir Anthem

Kings of Orient

THE DISMISSAL

Leader We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serving the
world God loves!

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE