



**Welcome to the parish of
St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville B.C.**

**Sunday, January 4th, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Book of Common Prayer)**

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**Opening Sentence**

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

*Matthew 2.2*

**The Psalm**

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

**REFRAIN All Nations shall serve him**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R.**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

## **REFRAIN All Nations shall serve him**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R.**

### **The First Reading**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*(Ch. 60:1-6)*

### **The Second Reading**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

*(Ch 3:1-12)*

### **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*(Ch. 2:1-12)*

### **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 Offertory**

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.**

## ***With special thanks to:***

- David Wilson, Brent Barootes, Nicole McDaid, and Mark Taylor who served as service leader, greeter and prayer leader, reader and zoom manager.*
- Your leadership, support and example are greatly valued and appreciated. **THANK YOU!***

## **Announcements**

**2026 Flowers for the Altar** – calendar available for sign up

**Jan 8<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies Meeting – 1:30 pm – Multipurpose Room

**Jan 8<sup>th</sup>:** Parish Council Meeting – 7pm

**Jan 21<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Breakfast – 8:30am – Country Grocer Café  
Bowen Rd

**Jan 27:** The Bishop's Dinner - 5:30pm - Laurel Point Inn.  
Purchase tix through Eventbrite or [click here](#)

All detailed event information can be found on the St. Philips website under the Events page: [www.stphiliplantzville.ca](http://www.stphiliplantzville.ca)

***In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for:  
The Church of the Province of Central Africa.***

***In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: The  
Rev. Sheila Cook and the Parish of Christ Church, Alert Bay.***

***This week in our Parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we  
pray for: Sharon Wishart, Lynne Wood, Keith and Val  
Addison, Doreen Atkinson, Malcolm and Sushma Atkinson and  
for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees  
around the world.***

### **UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS**

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:30am  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
Celebrant: Caleb Lawrence

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Service Leader: Catherine Cembella

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
Celebrant: The Rev. Leslie Flynn