



ANGLICAN CHURCH

**January 4 2026. Epiphany  
Trinity Anglican Church  
10am Holy Communion**

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*At certain points in the service we will suggest standing or sitting. At any time, please feel free to take the posture (standing, sitting, kneeling) which is right for you.*

***Prelude: The Star Proclaims the King is Here by Flor Peeters (1903-1986)***

## **We Gather as a Community**

### **Territorial Acknowledgment**

As we gather, we acknowledge that Ottawa stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinabeg people.

**May we dwell on this land with gratitude and respect.**

### **Greeting**

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.**

## **Opening Hymn: #160 As With Gladness Men of Old**

### **Opening Prayers**

Celebrant: 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**

### **Glory to God (*we sing*)**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*We pray silently*

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**

## **We Proclaim the Word**

### **The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Reader: Brenda Small)**

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 in 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

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

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,  
rescuing the poor and crushing 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 rulers of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the rulers of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
11 All rulers 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  
and 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 (Reader: Ken Ross)**

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 in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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**Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel (Matthew 2.1-12)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily – Rev. Mark Whittall**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Celebrant** 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 (Led by Jane Baron)**

Living God, with the landscape and trees blanketed by snow, we stand in awe of the beauty and peace of nature. We are humbled by the miracle you have created with your light. May we strengthen our commitment to keeping the planet livable for future generations.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

God Almighty, let us draw strength today from the wise men who visited Jesus in the Manger. Drawing from their wisdom, love and compassion, they defied King Herod and protected the baby Jesus. We pray for all those around the world who show this same courage, resisting tyranny, violence and injustice in ways large and small. May they be protected.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving Mother, we pray today for the far too many civilians in Ukraine, Sudan and Gaza who are experiencing senseless violence due to the shortsightedness and hubris of political and military leaders who are unwilling to build the conditions necessary for peaceful co-existence. In their darkest and loneliest moments, may those living under attack feel your mercy and love. May those who are carrying out these wars awaken to a peaceful way of resolving conflict. May these pointless and deadly wars end.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

God most powerful, closer to home, we pray for anyone who has had to flee their homelands and seek refuge in our community. May they feel welcomed by our country and may we offer them a good life with hope for the future, despite the challenges of settling in a new place far from home.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father, as the Winter 2026 term is about to begin, we pray today for all the students in our midst. We send them strength and courage and joy so that they may be fulfilled in their studies and sustained in their friendships. May this be a time of hope and opportunity as they expand

their knowledge and understanding of the world. May they find the connections they need to feel nourished and sustained. May we as a Congregation support them effectively.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Mysterious presence, in our congregation, we pray for Margo, Les, Cloe, Liz, Cynthia, Emma, Ilse, Keith, Erika, Rachel, Mary and others known to us. We also keep in our hearts loved ones who are no longer with us. We also extend our solidarity to any member of our parish who may be struggling or feeling overwhelmed by the challenges of life. They are not alone, and may God's love shine warm upon them.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Our Saviour, please guide us on our journeys so we can lead lives of purpose and compassion; and be of service to our communities, our workplaces and our families. May our paths be lit by your understanding and wisdom.

*(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

## **The Peace**

One    The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All    **And also with you.**

## **We Celebrate the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn: #156 The People That in Darkness Sat**

### **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.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

**Celebrant:** May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of salvation  
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Now with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you . . .  
... Therefore Father, according to his command,

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

And we offer . . .  
Now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*(please use the words and language of your choice)*

**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**

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 gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Communion: Linda Bowering and Doreen Barnes**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or communion. Our communion ministers will come to you as needed, please let us know. You are welcome to receive communion in one or both kinds, bread and/or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available, let us know if this is your preference. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

### **Anthem: O Magnum Mysterium by Tomas Luis da Victoria (1548-1611)**

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepe! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

## **We Are Sent**

Let us pray

*(we pray silently)*

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.**

### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn: The Kings of Orient**

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God most high. [Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Heav'n sings Alleluia, Alleluia, the earth replies. [Refrain]

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for refreshments following our worship at the back of the church. Thank you for  
worshiping with us today.*

**Postlude: Carillon de Westminster by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)**

*Our readings for **next Sunday, January 11**: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17*

### **Announcements:**

#### **Saturday, 31 January: Out from the Cold Dinner:**

As per past years, Trinity Anglican Church members will once again be responsible for making and hosting the Out From the Cold Dinner at Southminster United Church at 15 Aylmer Street near Bank on the afternoon of Saturday 31 January. If you are interested to volunteer to help make this dinner possible, please sign up via this [google form](#) or at the back of the Church or by contacting Carol McQueen at [carolvmcqueen@yahoo.com](mailto:carolvmcqueen@yahoo.com). The Out from the Cold Dinner offers all volunteers a chance to make a difference and to welcome someone inside from the cold for a warm meal. You can sign up for a specific task and time, including to set up, cook, serve, clean up or engage in conversations with the guests. Taking part is also a very positive way to connect with other members of the Trinity Congregation.

**Trinity Prayer Group:** will resume on Monday, January 12th at 12:00 noon in the Chapel.

**Music at Trinity:** Only Beautiful Melodies on Saturday January 24th at 4pm featuring soprano Shawne Elizabeth Beames, Lydia Rochon, Kylie Pratt and pianist Olga Lenko. Freewill offering.

**Fill the Foyer Campaign:** Capcorp raised \$127,144 for the Ottawa Food Bank. Trinity contributed **\$2,100** in food items and monetary donations. Thank you to Nancy Bassam for co-ordinating this effort and to all who contributed.



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