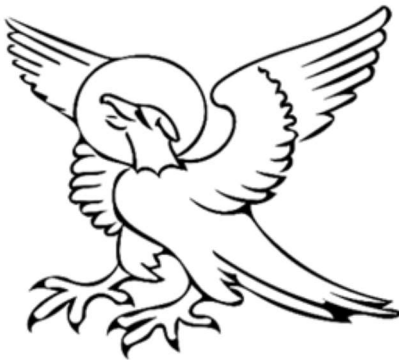


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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***The Epiphany  
of the Lord***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.  
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Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

*We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*



*This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.*



*Hymns are from the [blue](#) Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.*

*Today's service can be found on page 185 of the [green](#) Book of Alternative Services ([BAS](#)) located in the pew-back in front of you.*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Prelude –** *"What is this Lovely Fragrance?"* (arr. Young)

**Announcements**

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**Glory to God on High** **365**

**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.**

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## First Reading

## Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 72:1-2,10-17

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*Tune*

Send us, O God, the King whose  
reign

Will make your justice known;  
Let him deal fairly with your land,  
The poor, and all your own.

From Tarshish, Saba, from the  
isles,

Arabia, all kings  
Shall come, bow down to him,  
and serve,  
And make their offerings.

For he shall save the poor,  
redeem

All those oppressed by strife,  
Have pity on the lowly, poor;  
He shall preserve their life.  
From violence, oppression, war,  
He shall redeem their right;  
Their blood is dear to God our  
King  
And precious in his sight.

Long may he live! May gold be  
given

And prayer for him always;  
May all his people bless his Name  
Throughout the length of days.

May grain grow thick upon the  
earth  
And flourish and abound,  
Its fruit like Lebanon, its grain  
Like grass upon the ground.

## **Second Reading**

## **Ephesians 3:1-**

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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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28 by Owen Alstott, OCP, 1990.



**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

**All: 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

## **Sermon**

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People**

***All:** Gracious God, by whose spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, send your guidance upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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## **The Peace**

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*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Offertory Hymn

*"Unto Us A Boy is Born" (see*

*insert)*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## 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 3

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## Sanctus (*sung*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of eight lines of music. The first line ends with a period. The second line ends with a quarter rest. The third line ends with a quarter rest. The fourth line ends with a quarter rest. The fifth line ends with a quarter rest. The sixth line ends with a quarter rest. The seventh line ends with a quarter rest. The eighth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come;  
Your will be done  
On earth, as in heav'n.  
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, and the power, and the glory are yours;  
Now and forever.  
Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread 6

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Celebrant: 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.**

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*

O lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, Have  
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that  
ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a first ending bracket and ends with a double bar line. The third staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

## Communion

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## Hymns during Communion

**80 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"**

**137 – "What Child Is This?"**

**129 – "No Crowded Eastern Street"**

## 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

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## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn

**118 – "O Come, All Ye Faithful!" (vs. 1-4, 5a)**

## Dismissal

## Postlude

**"The Three Kings" (Young)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2026 Offering Envelopes** – The 2026 weekly giving envelopes are now at the back of church, sorted alphabetically. If you do not see your name or I have missed someone, please let me know. As well, there are extra boxes of envelopes if you or someone you know would like a set. – Tammy Mulrooney, Envelope Secretary.

**2025 Contributions** - December 31<sup>st</sup> is a Wednesday this year. The last day to submit your contributions for 2025, will be Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Any cheque, e-transfers, tithes, etc., must be dated no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Offerings submitted after January 4<sup>th</sup>, will be entered as 2026 contributions. Thank you.

**Games Night** – Mark your calendars for our next Games Night in 2026 – ***Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5.30pm***. Come out and join us for an evening of fun. A meal will be served, followed by games and crafts. Donations are always appreciated.





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Communion Assistant: Cindy Penman  
Reader/Intercessor: Donna Howard  
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard  
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl  
Readings for next Sunday, Jan 11, 2025 ~  
IS 42:1-9; PS 29; ACTS 10:34-43; MT 3:13-17

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am\* – Wednesdays 10am  
\*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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