



Order of Service for January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



**St. Paul's
Anglican Church**
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



**ARISE, SHINE;
FOR YOUR
LIGHT
HAS COME,
AND THE
GLORY
OF THE LORD
HAS RISEN
UPON YOU
ISAIAH 6: 1**

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-service Music: Jesus Names Above All Names (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the service)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP #143 Angels from the Realms of Glory (screens)

Greeting: p. 185 (Book of Alternative Services - green book) (screens)

Collect for Purity: p. 185 (screens)

Glory to God p. 186 (screens)

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect of the Day ... p. 280 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

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.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 ... p. 797 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: The Light of Christ (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

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

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

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.

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostles' Creed ... p. 189 (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution: p. 191 (screens)

The Peace: p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts ... p. 280 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer #1 ... p. 193 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer, Form 1 p. 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 1 p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion ... p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

The Lord is My Light

CP # 73 One Bread, One Body

You Are Near

Hymn After Communion: CP # 139 The First Nowell (screens)

Prayer after Communion ... p. 280 (screens)

Doxology ... p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn We Three Kings (screens)

Sending (screens)

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***The Church of the Province of Central Africa***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Theology at Moravian University***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***Diocese of Calgary Synod Office Staff. The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, The Rev. Dcn. Charmaine Evans, Mr. Rob Sutherland, Ms. Barb Gogol, The Rev. Br. Jason Carroll, The Rev. Dcn. Elizabeth Short, Mrs. Barbara Labrecque, Mrs. Kim Getty, Mr. Michael Hoskin, Mr. Frank Corbett, Mr. Larry Taerum, The Rev. Dcn. Tracey Stagg, The Rev. Dcn. Carol Tubman, and Chancellor Jeff Davidson***. We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

We thank you for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord by Rick and Robbie Collier, in loving memory of their departed family members.