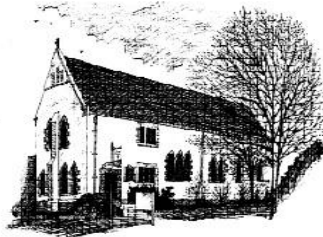


**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 5, 2025**



Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

**HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.**

*This Eucharistic Liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada  
Book of Alternative Services & Common Worship Church of England*

**WELCOME (& ANNOUNCEMENTS):** *(you may remain seated during the welcome)*

**OPENING HYMN:** (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)

**CP 159**      Brightest and Best

*Reginald Heber, 1806   STELLA ORIENTIS — Healey Willan, 1958*

**GATHERING:**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you**

L.A.    Almighty God, **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.**

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in celebration of the light of Christ revealed to the nations, as the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

**GLORY TO GOD:**

*CP 686   David Hurd*

**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.**

### **CENTERING STILLNESS**

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with Christ and all who bear His light to the world.

*(silence)*

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**Eternal God, who by a star led the magi 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 STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING:**        Isaiah 60:1-6  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**                 72:1-7, 10-14                                *BAS page 797*

**SECOND READING:**    Ephesians 3:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 158** Earth Has Many a Noble City (Vs. 1, 2, 3)

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 4c.; tr. Edward Caswall OM, 1868 STUTTGART*

*Psalmodia Sacra - Gotha, 1715*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Jesus Christ**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 158** Earth Has Many a Noble City (Vs. 4, 5)

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**SERMON:**

*The Rev. Vernon Foster*

**A CREED FOR EPIPHANYTIDE:** *(Please stand as you are able)*

L.A. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, who has sent His light into the world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, the Light of the World.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.**

**He revealed God's glory through His life, teachings, and miracles.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again, shining the light of victory over sin and death.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**and to bring the fullness of God's kingdom.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

*Titus 2.11-14*

*Silence is kept.*

L.A. Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves, we are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE:**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

*Isaiah 9.6,7*

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: HB 748** We Three Kings of Orient Are *J.H. Hopkins Jr.,1862*

1. 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 night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

3. Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh,  
prayer and praising, all men raising,  
worship him GOD most high. *Refrain*

4. Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

5. Glorious now behold him arise,  
King, and GOD, and Sacrifice,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
earth to the heavens replies. *Refrain*

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

**Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, as we proclaim the light of Christ revealed to the nations, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church, illumined by the light of Christ, be gathered together from the corners of the earth into the glory of your kingdom.

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Eucharistic Prayer 4)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise ..... and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

*CP 689 Hurd*

**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.**

Holy and gracious God .....So we proclaim the mystery of faith

**We remember his death  
We proclaim his resurrection  
We await his coming in glory**

Remembering, therefore.....All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*Music by Mary Jackson for St. Paul's*

Believing in the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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:**

The Bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the Body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup. For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine. If you prefer, you may receive just bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the*

*clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 161** Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom

*Christopher Idle, 1982 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT — Georg Neumark, 1661*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Let us pray,

**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**

**BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing....

**SENDING HYMN:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 160** As with Gladness Men of Old

*W.C. Dix, 1878 DIX — Konrad Kocher, 1852*

**SENDING FORTH:**

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**