

**Epiphany of our Lord
January 6, 2019**



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Gathering

Welcome

Prelude "The Huron Carol"

Canadian-Indian Melody

Gathering

Hymn "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

ELW 301

Greeting ...be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Word

First Reading **Isaiah 60: 1 - 6**

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;

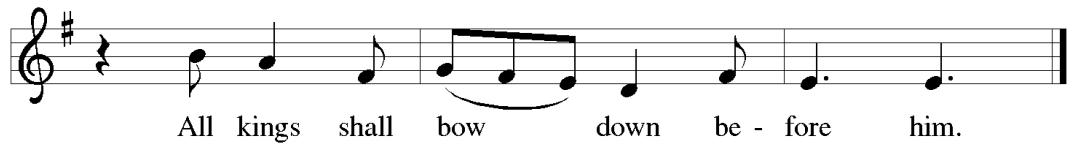
your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

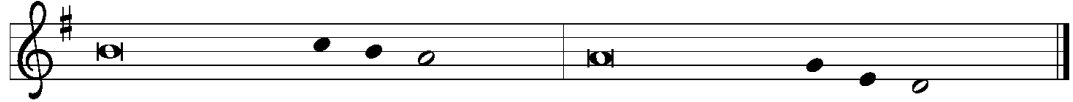
C: *Thanks be to God.*



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



Tone



- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall | be no more.
¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R**
¹¹May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.
¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**
¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
¹⁴**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight. R**

Second Reading Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**Children's
Message**

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Matthew 2: P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.
1 - 12 C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"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.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

Hymn of the

Day “The First Noel”

ELW 300

Prayers of **P:** Hear us, O God.
Intercession **C:** *Your mercy is great.*

Peace **P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: *And also with you.*

Meal

Offering

Hymn “What Child Is This”

ELW 296

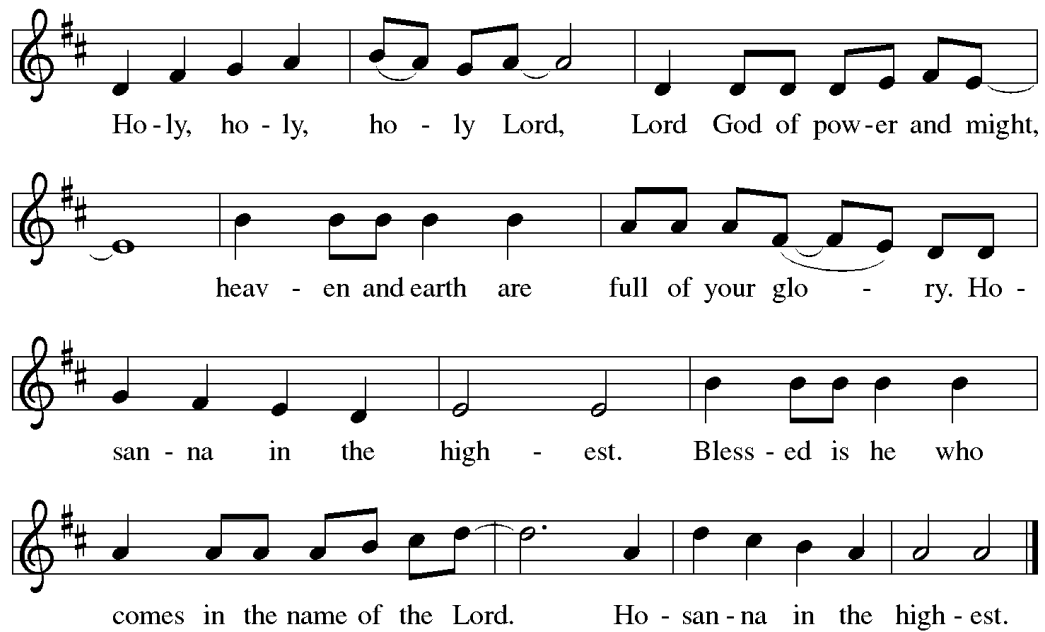
Offering Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your
Prayer love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of
your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among
the hungry and all in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. *Amen.*

The Great **P:** The Lord be with you.
Thanksgiving **C:** *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

P: It is indeed right...we praise your name and join
their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

**Thanksgiving
 at the Table**

P: In the night...Amen.

**Lord's
 Prayer**

C: *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 forever. Amen.*

Communion

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Hymn “The Only Son from Heaven”

ELW 309

Prayer After Communion

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. *Amen.*

Sending

Blessing God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✠ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. *Amen.*

Sending Song “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

ELW 308

Dismissal **P:** Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

J. S. Bach
(Please remain seated or leave quietly. Thank you.)

SERVING US TODAY

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| Assisting Minister | J. Smith |
| Audio | D. Pascoe |
| Lector | J. Marcuson |
| Communion Server | D. Schwantes |
| Ushers | J. Stewart, N. Stewart |
| Greeter | L. Piller |
| Altar | D. Schwantes |
| Counters | A. Hanslep, P. Noack |
| Coffee Set-up / Clean-up | C. Stewart / B. Erlandson, J. Fil |
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

| DAY | TIME | PROGRAM |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Euchre |
| | 1:00 - 2:00 pm | Senior's Fitness |
| | 7:15 pm | Joyful Noise Bell Choir |
| Tuesday | 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Homework Club |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Cover Girls Sewing Group |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir |
| Friday | 6:30 pm | Yoga |

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Janet Biernacki, Beverly Binhammer, Rodney Erlandson, Gudrun George, Sabine George, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Eleonore Ritthaler, Elga Smidt, George Willis, Judith Wilson, Hugh Wood.

Thursday, January 10th @ 12:00 pm: 50+ Soup and a Movie, “Hidden Figures”. Please sign up today.

Monday, January 14th: Deadline for Committee Reports for inclusion in the 2018 Annual Congregational Report.

Interfaith Lecture Series: Join with Islington United Church’s Interfaith Circle in January to learn more about *Eastern Traditions: Pathways to Spirituality*, at a lecture series on Wednesday evenings at the church, 25 Burnhamthorpe Road, from **7:30 - 9:30 pm - January 9** Hinduism with Swamini Shivapriyananda, Chinmaya Heritage Centre, Brampton; **January 16** Buddhism with Rev. Dr. Bhante Saranapala, the Urban Monk, from West End Buddhist Temple; and **January 23** with Michelle Voss Roberts, Principal, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, where the panel will explore how Christianity



engages with Eastern Traditions. Sign-up for the series by contacting b.sheffield@rogers.com.

Thursday, January 17th @ 7:00 pm: Church Council meeting.

Sunday, January 20th: SOCK SUNDAY. Please bring in warm pairs of socks which will be blessed before being sent on to Out of the Cold Shelters throughout the GTA.

Sunday, January 27th: Week of Prayer Christian Unity – Pulpit Supply; Evangel Hall Dinner.

Monday, January 28th: LIFE newsletter deadline for February issue.

Sunday, February 10th: AGM

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