



CATHÉDRALE
CHRIST CHURCH
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

8:00 AM

The Rev'd Dr. Deborah Meister – Presider

Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are here for the first time. Our community has worshipped here at the heart of Montreal on St Catherine Street since the 1860s, and we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

***God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16***

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to stay in touch, please fill out one of our welcome cards (available at the back of the church) and leave it in the offertory plate or with a greeter.

DONATIONS

A collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral in downtown Montreal. The Cathedral is open seven days a week between 9:00am and 6pm for all who want to pray, for all who are looking for peace, a quiet place to sit and rest, and seek help. Through our outreach programmes the Cathedral supports many local organizations which help the needy. Please give generously. If you would like to find out about regular or tax efficient ways of giving please speak to a greeter.

Gluten free hosts are available: If you would like one, please inform the Communion assistant.

We gather today in the non-ceded traditional territory of the

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14. *Deus, iudicium.*

- 1 Give the king thy judgements, O God, / and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2 **Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, / and thy poor with justice.**
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace, / and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- 4 **He shall keep the simple folk by their right, / save the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun, / and while the moon endureth, from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, / even as the showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish; / yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
- 10 **Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents, / and the kings of Arabia and Seba bring gifts.**
- 11 Let all kings fall down before him, / and all nations do him service.
- 12 **For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; / the needy also, and him that hath no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and the needy, / and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
- 14 **He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; / and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

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Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

Reader The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 over-whelmed 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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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PRAYERS

For all students of theology, for Diocesan College, for Ben, Jeffrey, Alex, Fresia, Lucas, Noah and Sarah and all people discerning their vocations and deepening their faith.

For those in special need Grace, Steve, Gaston, Benjy, Claudette, Michael, Dorothy, Sharon, Barbara, James, Pamela, Bridie, Diana

For continuing support Duncan, Bob, Gloria, Jan, Norma, Susan, Yannis, Marie-Charlotte, Ruby, Pamela

Pray for the Capital Campaign, the fundraising team, cabinet members, future donors, architects and engineers working on the spire.

Years' mind Thomas Drury Lindley, Catherine Gerols, Mark Gudwin

TODAY

Cathedral@6 January 5, at 6:00 pm Bilingual
Communion service with contemporary praise music.

NOTICES

Wool Socks can make the difference between health and frostbite for our homeless neighbors. We will be collecting them each Sunday in January in the basket at the rear of the church.

CALENDAR

A Deeper Well. Begins January 6, 6:30 pm.

This January, Deborah Meister is launching a covenanted small-group intended to help those who wish to grow in spirit and are willing to commit to an integrative experience of contemplative and intellectual formation. This will be limited to 12 participants. Contact Deborah for more information or to enroll. Anglophone group, Monday evenings at 6:30, starting January 6th. Preference will be given to those newer to the faith. Other interested persons will be added as space allows, or in a second group to begin in Lent.

Gospel of John webinar, offered through Dio, January 13th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Register here:
<https://montrealdio.ca/courses/john/>

Pain, partage et prière January 12, 10:00 am. The French Bible study and prayer group will meet in the undercroft.

Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 service, January 19, 3:00 pm. Armenian Apostolic Church, 615 Ave Stuart, Outremont.

Cathedral Forum, January 21 at 6:30pm. The sounding board of the community.

English Bible Study, January 22, 7:30 pm. At Greta Helmer's house in NDG, please contact Ann Elbourne for address. Come and share your favourite parable.

Annual Reports are due by **January 27**, please provide translation.

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