



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

8:00 AM

The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier – 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. | 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 9:00 am and 6:00 pm 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 heavenly Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 42 :1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying
to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation remains seated to say the psalm.

PSALM 29 *Afferte Domino.*

- 1 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye mighty, / ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
- 2 **Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his name; / worship the Lord with holy worship.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; / it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, even the Lord upon many waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; / the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedartrees / yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 **He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf, / and Sirion like a young ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; / yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the forests: / in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.**
- 9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, / And the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
- 10 **The Lord shall give strength unto his people; / the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

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.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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The flowers in the Cathedral today are given to the glory of God by Rob Wells and in thanksgiving for the life of Patrick Wedd.

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

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

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

Years' mind Theodora Paterson, Eleanor Porter

SPECIAL NOTE

SPAM/PHISHING Emails: If you receive emails from the Dean or other members of the team asking for financial assistance to purchase gift cards and similar on their behalf, please do not respond. JUNK them. If you are unsure, contact the office.

TODAY

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

CALENDAR

Come and See: If you are curious about Christianity or seeking to renew your faith, Come and See serves as preparation for Confirmation at Easter, but open to all. Will be scheduled around availability of those interested. Deborah.Meister@montrealcathedral.ca

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

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

Fair Trade Kiosk January 19, 12:00 pm -

With all of the staples to warm up winter. Join us for a trial: Santropol fair trade coffee (bean) in bulk for sale - Bring your own container!

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.

Pentecost Retreat, May 29-31. Come away to a beautiful Anglican monastery on the banks of the Hudson River for a few days of quiet, reflection, companionship, and good food. Friday-Sunday, May 29-31; optional day to rest and center on the 28th. Cost: \$235 USD, plus funds for carpooling; \$85 USD additional for Thursday. Contact Deborah.Meister@montrealcathedral.ca; non-refundable deposit of \$50 required to hold your space. Limited bursaries available. Passport required.

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