



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

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*Celebrant*            The Rev'd Ben Crosby  
*Preacher*            The Rev'd Ben Crosby



*We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations. Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, who by a star didst lead wise men to the worship of thy Son; guide by thy light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

**12 For he shall deliver the poor who  
cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no  
helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and  
poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**14 He shall redeem their lives from  
oppression and violence, \*  
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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit  
is saying to the Churches.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

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

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

*Priest* The holy Gospel of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to St.  
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 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.

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

## **THE CREED** (page 71)

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*A collection plate will be passed during the hymn. If you would prefer, you can leave your donation as you go out by debit or credit card on our tap and go system, or by e-transfer to [accounting@montrealcathedral.ca](mailto:accounting@montrealcathedral.ca). Please indicate your name and address for donations over \$20 if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.*

## **THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION** (page 75)

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** (page 78)

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. You can receive both the bread and the wine, or choose only one of them. Dipping the wafer into the chalice is forbidden for epidemiological reasons.*

*Please come forward to receive the host, maintaining a safe distance from your neighbour. After receiving the host, remove your mask and consume it. You may then either keep your mask off to drink from the chalice or put your mask back on and return to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (page 85)