



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

# FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY AND THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

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*Celebrant*  
*Preacher*

The Very Rev'd Bertrand Olivier  
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*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**

O God, the source of all insight, whose coming was revealed to the nations not among men of power but on a woman's lap: give us grace to seek thee where thou mayst be found, that the wisdom of this world may be humbled and discover thy unexpected joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING** Matthew 2:1-12

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.

*The Congregation remains seated to pray the psalm.*

## **PSALM 29**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory  
and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory  
due his name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty  
of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon  
the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is  
a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice  
of splendour.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks  
the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars  
of Lebanon;

6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **SECOND READING** Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader* For the word of God in scripture,  
For the word of God around us,  
For the word of God within us.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 1:4-11

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*All* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

### **COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be thy Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep thy children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

### **THE SERMON**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

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### **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)**

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