

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

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

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

### ENTRANCE RITE

*(The people stand and face toward the back of the church)*

#### BLESSING OF THE GIFTS AND THE CHALK

*Leader:* Today we journey with the three kings across the bridge from Christmastide to Epiphany. They came to Jesus bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and left transformed by the gift of his presence.

The kings were some of the very first people to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, the King of the Jews. They also offered gifts of honor, humility, and homage, just as we offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

As we ourselves move from Christmas adoration to Epiphany baptism, let us reaffirm our intention to continue following the example of Christ in our day-to-day lives. To help us remember, we will ask God to bless our homes as we write the inscription of the three ancient kings on our doorposts. This will also serve as a reminder of the blood of the Passover lambs that marked the doorposts of the Hebrew people at their Exodus from Egypt.

*Deacon:* We offer our lives to you, because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.

**People: We offer our lives to you, because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.**

*Deacon:* In servanthood and service.

**People: Because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.**

*Deacon:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**People: We offer our lives to you, because we have been baptized into the life of Christ.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (*Celebrant*)

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY** Let us pray. (*Celebrant*)

**G**racious Father, you sent your only begotten Son to live among us and set for us the only perfect example of earthly life: We humbly ask you to accept these gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh; that they may be symbols of our intention and hope to live fully into a year of servanthood and service, according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**B**less this chalk, O God ✠, that the blessing we inscribe on our doorposts may truly be a symbol of the blessings you have in store for us; and that we may serve you with the diligence and adoration shown to us by your servants Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* : Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith....

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ have mercy upon us.** Lord...

**GLORIA**

**G***lory be to God on high,*  
and on earth peace, good will  
towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the  
Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus  
Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy Spirit.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (IN UNISON)

*Celebrant :* The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.** *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**O** God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(The people are seated)*

**THE LESSON:** A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah      Isaiah 60:1-6

**A**rise, 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:* The Word of the Lord.      ***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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

*Deus, iudicium*

- 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.

**THE EPISTLE:** A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 3:1-12

**T**his 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:* The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(The people stand)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*Gospellor* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy Spirit.

*Gospellor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** 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.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*(The People are seated)*

## SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni

*(The people stand)*

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

*Subdeacon: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Word become flesh, commanded us to pray for one another. Let us therefore pray for God's people everywhere, according to their needs. r.*

*Leader:* In this Epiphany Season of light  
Shine your light upon us –  
Into the recesses of our spirits,  
Those places where we experience  
anxiety, depression, fear and despair.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of grace and healing,  
Shine your light upon us –  
Into those places of conflict and tension  
In our families,  
In our friendships,  
In our work and community relationships.  
May your light be a healing balm,  
Bringing with it forgiveness and  
reconciliation.

Grant health and wholeness to the sick,  
especially those on our prayer list, and  
give patience and understanding to those  
who minister to them.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of power and mercy,  
Shine your light upon our nation and its  
leaders  
That they may govern justly and wisely.  
Taking into account the needs and  
concerns  
Not just of the most wealthy and  
powerful,  
But especially of those who are poor,

Those who struggle with physical and  
mental illness,  
Those who fear for their families because  
of financial hardship or immigration  
status,  
Those who are forgotten and forsaken.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion and peace,  
Shine your light on all the places  
around the world Where violence and war  
are found: In the Ukraine and Russia, in  
the Mideast.  
With your light Bring peace to those who  
languish  
In fear, violence and despair, and those  
who suffer from natural disasters.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of goodness,  
We thank you for the light that shines –  
In the glory and wonder of your creation.  
We give thanks at long last for rain and  
snow in the west. We pray that we may  
good stewards of the natural order,  
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect:*

*Shine your light upon us and around us,  
And within us, that we, too, may be a light to the  
world. AMEN.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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## THE PEACE

*Celebrant :* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please be seated)*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Celebrant* : The Gifts of God for the People of God...

*All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

**Eucharistic Prayer I**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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*(The people stand)*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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*Celebrant*: Let us pray.

***A*lmighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Celebrant)*

**THE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY**

*Celebrant* : The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant* : ... and the blessing ... **AMEN.**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Mark your calendars:

February 2, 2023, 7 pm  
The FEAST OF CANDLEMAS



## THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

### JANUARY 8, 2023

#### Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: D. Spooner-Auden  
Usher: S. Gagnon  
Eucharistic Minister: B. Rossiter  
Reader: S. Gagnon  
Prayers of the People: M. Zimmer  
Videographer J. Morrow

#### Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron  
Usher - Mark Healey  
Eucharistic minister - Laurie Gypson  
Lector - Peter Kosciusko  
Intercessor - Peter Kosciusko  
Video - Madison Day  
Coffee Hour - Madison Day  
Soup Kitchen - Barb Depray, Art Engler, others?

### JANUARY 15, 2023

#### Rite I, 8 am

Altar Guild: G. Morrow  
Usher: J. DeWolf  
Eucharistic Minister: J. Morrow  
Reader: J. Morrow  
Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon  
Videographer D. Sykes

#### Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild - John Doiron  
Usher – Sudie Evageliou  
Eucharistic minister – Madison Day  
Lector – Harry Evageliou  
Intercessor - Harry Evageliou  
Video - Madison Day  
Coffee Hour - Barb Depray,