

St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton

January 3, 2021: The Epiphany of the Lord

Opening Hymn: *As With Gladness Men of Old*

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People And also with you.

Officiant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.
Eternal God,
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Yr. ABC

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For dark-ness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ISAIAH 60:1-6

PSALM

Refrain All nations shall serve him. 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.

R 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.

R 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. R 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. R 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. R PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been re-vealed to his holy apostles and prophets by

the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. EPHESIANS 3:1-12

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ '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.' " ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. MATTHEW 2:1-12

Prayer over the gifts: Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Prayer after communion: God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as He comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love for he is our Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Sermon

Hymn for Reflection: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one being with the
Father. Through him all things
were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the
life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,
saying, "Lord, grant us peace.")

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and
Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the
kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God
welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in
God's forgiveness.

Officiant Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have
not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly
sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us and forgive us, that we may
delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and

deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *Away In A Manger*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Officiant Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

The Doxology

Officiant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin
and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of
God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go in to the world to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: *In The Bleak Midwinter*