



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

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Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH



JANUARY 3, 2021 – EPIPHANY

We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish peoples

Weekly Online Services will be offered.
Onsite Services & Events are cancelled
until further notice.

Weekly Online Services will also be offered
at ParishCS.ca

The Rev. Lon Towstego, Incumbent
The Rev. Matt Humphrey, Assistant Curate
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant

MORNING PRAYER

Iona Celtic Service

The Rev. Lon Towstego, Presiding

A Warm Welcome to all who are worshipping with us on-line this morning! When the service is over, grab yourself a coffee and phone one of your friends.

Prelude – The Coventry Carol – 1392

[Lyric transcribed by Robert Croo 1534 (tune Thomas Mawdyke 1591)]

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *Little Drummer Boy* – Katherine Kennicott Davis 1941

Come they told me (pa rum pum pum pum)
A new born king to see (pa rum pum pum pum)
Our finest gifts we bring (pa rum pum pum pum)
To lay before the king (pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum)
So to honor him (pa rum pum pum pum)
When we come.

Little baby (pa rum pum pum pum)
I am a poor boy too (pa rum pum pum pum)
I have no gift to bring (pa rum pum pum pum)
That's fit to give our king (pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum)
Shall I play for you (pa rum pum pum pum)
On my drum?

Mary nodded (pa rum pum pum pum)
The ox and lamb kept time (pa rum pum pum pum)
I played my drum for him (pa rum pum pum pum)
I played my best for him (pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum)
Then he smiled at me (pa rum pum pum pum)
Me and my drum

Presider: We are claimed as God's own.

All: We are called from our darkness into the light of God's day.

Presider: The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth. O come, let us worship. In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God Was

Presider: Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth, for the purposes of heaven,

All: God Is

Presider: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment,

All: God Will Be

Presider: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, Not condemning the world, but redeeming it, Through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit

All: God Was, God Is, God Will Be

All: Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Presider: Let us pray

In you, gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent the fearful find a friend in you,

And if some need to say, "Help me"

And if some need to say, "Save me"

And if some need to say, "Hold me"

And if some need to say, "Forgive me"

Then let these be said now in confidence by us.

Moment of silence

Presider: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

All: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever!

Amen.

Presider: O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning. Say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole. And we will wait; And we will praise. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: 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. Amen.

Prayer for Children, Young People and Educators

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV – Rachel Moss

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² 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.

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

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 BAS – Mike Dyer

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Song: *We Three Kings* – John Henry Hopkins Jr. 1857

We Three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.

Chorus

O Star of Wonder, Star of Night,
Star with Royal Beauty bright,
Westward leading,
Still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect Light.

Gaspar

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever,
Ceasing never
Over us all to reign. (*Chorus*)

Melchior

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising
All men raising,
Worship Him God on High. (*Chorus*)

Balthazar

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;—
Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Chorus*)

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Earth to the heavens replies. (*Chorus*)

The Gospel

Rev. Lon: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Rev. Lon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 2:1-12

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane

Song: *What Child Is This* – William Chatterton Dix 1865

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce him through,
the cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the Son of Mary.**

Prayers of the People – *Mike Dyer*

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, Let us sing as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven,
Your name is holy,
May Your will be done here,
May Your kingdom come.
You supply all we need, Lord.
Forgive our transgressions
As we forgive others
Who trespass against us.

And lead us, dear Father,
Not into temptation.
Deliver us, Lord, from
The evil one's snare.
For Yours is the kingdom,
And Yours is the power,
And Yours is the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Let us pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: Prophetic God, strengthen and encourage us to hear those who speak your uncomfortable truths and who challenge our dearest prejudices, so that we may know and heed prophets of our age; through Jesus, the son of Joseph.

All: Amen.

Commission

For all that God can do within us,

For all that God can do without us,

All: Thanks be to God

For all in whom Christ lived before us,

For all in whom Christ lives beside us,

All: Thanks be to God

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,

For where the Spirit wants to send us,

All: Thanks be to God

Listen,

Christ has promised to be with us

In the world as in our worship.

All: Amen. We go to serve Him.

Blessing

Dismissal: *Alleluias are omitted during Advent*

L. A.: Go into the world that is waiting

All: We go bearing the promise of God. Amen.

Postlude – How Many Kings – Marc Martel & Jason Germain 2006

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; Linda our Primate and the Anglican Church of Canada and Melissa our Metropolitan, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Mark.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop-elect, Ansley, the Diocesan Administrator; John and the congregation of St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan and Bishop Lincoln and Territory of the People Anglican Church. For the Priest and people of the Roman Catholic Saanich Peninsula Parish.

Our Parish Ministers: Lon, Matt, Logan, Brett, Bob, Lorry.

In our Parish: We pray for our Leadership Team and our Administrative staff.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Cathy and John, Cheryl, Lise, Mark, Audrey Q., Gladys, Tony & Margaret, Liz, Neville, Louise, Diane S., Diane

For Those with Long-Term Needs:

Ken B, Erica, Margaret, Sharie, Ted, Ed B., Doreen H., Brenda

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Pam, Kate, Scott, Steve & John, Grace, Marie S., Marian K., Isaiah, Peggy, Chuck & Emily, Dimas & Violeta, Barb & Rick, Kelley, Shelia & Candice, Geoffrey & Olivia

READINGS FOR JANUARY 10, 2021

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;

Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Office Hours:

**Clergy and staff will spend most time working from home.
Please call or email your respective office for information
or to make an appointment.**

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THANK YOU to everyone for bringing their offerings and to those who continue to take the time to drop off or mail in your offerings. Your dedication to your church is heartwarming.

If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish, you may send a cheque (made payable to either St. Mary's Church or payable to St. Stephen's Church) and mail it to the respective address below.

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