

St. PAUL'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH



A Parish of
The Diocese of
New Westminster
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP

**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – SERVICE OF THE WORD
JANUARY 3, 2021 AT 10.00 AM**

BEFORE THE SERVICE

Welcome to our Online Service. In preparation, you may want to think about posture and your environment at home. You may find it helpful to light a candle, place or hold a cross...whatever is helpful.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE *a selection of Music will be played.*

THE GREETING & WELCOME

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

All **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister Dear friends in Christ,
 as we turn our hearts and minds
 to worship almighty God,
 let us confess our sins.

All **Most merciful God,**
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.**

Minister 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.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Minister Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us, so that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All Amen

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Minister Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading

Guy Cribdon

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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. Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Musical interlude

Second Reading

Guy Cribdon

Reader A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

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 to 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 to 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. Ephesians 3:1-12

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Musical interlude

THE GOSPEL

Guy Cribdon

Reader +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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, 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.

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

After the Sermon there will be a period of time for reflection.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.
All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

David Facey-Crowther

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Minister 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Minister May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All **Amen.**

Minister May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

All **Amen.**

Minister And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary*

*If you would like to join us for a virtual coffee hour on Zoom, please go to
<https://bit.ly/2Sj3gZ4> Meeting ID: 240 454 925*