

The Anglican Church of St. Peter, Quamichan
Service of the Word, Season of Epiphany

People of God in this place and in all places, once again, we give thanks that you are worshiping with this community and we welcome you to the Anglican church of St. Peter, Quamichan as part of our virtual church family. Once again, today, with many churches across this country and around the world we will share our service of the Liturgy of the word as we observe the Feast of the Epiphany.

Opening Acknowledgment:

Officiant: In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral territories of the Coast Salish people and the Cowichan Tribes.
In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.
In this time and place we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages
In this time and place we are not alone, but one in Christ
In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God
All: In this time and place heaven and earth are one. In the name of the Holy and Blessed one, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen

We now raise our hearts and voices in song as Barry leads us in the **Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old**

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 Let us pray. Almighty God,
People 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.

The Collect of the Day:

Officiant Let us pray: Eternal God,
All Who by a star, led the 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 forever. Amen.

Officiant: I invite you to settle your hearts and minds and be attentive as we hear the words of Scripture for today.

The Scriptures of the Day

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72

- 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.**

O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish, and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Homily – Incumbent - Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk

Music for reflection

Affirmation of Faith:

Deacon: Let us affirm 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to God, whose light and love guides all who come and meet the Christ child, offering prayers for the church, the world and all those in need. As I bid the prayer *Lord of glorious light*, please offer the response, **Hear our Prayer.**

Confession and Absolution:

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness

All: Jesus, forgive my sins.

Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgences I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me and make me whole. Amen

Priest: 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. Amen

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also, with you

We now raise our hearts and voices in the **Hymn: We Three Kings**

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.**

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness

All: **Gods love shall last for ever.**

Officiant Generous and faithful God,

All: **May the nourishment we have received during our time together,
 enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go. Whether
 the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether
 we our cares e light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our
 hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever
 embraced by your love. Amen.**

Blessing

Priest: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and
 heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God
 Almighty, The father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, be among you and
 remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia - Let us go forth Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**