ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2017

Epiphany of the Lord

The Church of St. John the Evangelist

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HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

Book of Common Prayer, Page 67

Psalm 72:1-7 p.418
Celebrant Interim Transitional Minister Perry Chuipka

EUCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Book of Alternative Services, Page 185

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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Parish Notices

During the Prelude we quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship and refrain from unnecessary conversation

Organ Prelude
Processional Hymn 158 ..... **Earth Has Many a Noble City**
Greeting ..... p. 185
Opening Prayer ..... p. 185
Children's Focus
Children's Recessional ..... **Glory to God**
Collect for the Day ..... p. 280

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Darius, King of Persia, has permitted the people of Israel to return to Jerusalem. The prophet tells the people to arise, for joy, prosperity and salvation are now in the city; God is with them; they will reflect the presence and power of God.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 ..... John Wright
Psalm 72:1-7 (sung by choir) p.797

It is part of God's plan that both Jews and Gentiles are called to share in Christ's saving activity. This is the "mystery of Christ". Paul's insistence on Gentiles being full and equal members of the church has led to his imprisonment.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 ..... Jean Wright
Gradual Hymn 161 v.1,2 .... **Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom**

"Wise men" (in Latin: magi) were members of a Persian caste of astrologers and interpreters of dreams. Astrology was widely accepted then. A star was associated with each person; the way the star rose told the wise men that a king had been born. A later church tradition called the wise men kings.

Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 2:1-12
Gradual Hymn 161 v.3,4 .... **Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom**
Sermon The Reverend Paul Kett
Silent Reflection
Apostles' Creed p. 189
The Prayers of the People Angus Sheach

Please note the Prayers of the People come from the people.
Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy, Response: Hear our prayer.
Confession, Silence, Absolution and Exchange of the Peace p. 191

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: *We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him. Matthew 2:2*
Offertory Hymn 160.....**As With Gladness Men of Old**
Prayer over the Gifts..... p. 280
Eucharistic Prayer 3..... p. 198
Epiphany Proper Preface – Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.
Sanctus/Benedictus ..... Hymnbook 735
Lord's Prayer (music on page 918) ..... top of p. 211
Breaking of the Bread 6 ..... p. 213
Agnus Dei ..... Hymnbook 747

A Chalice has been prepared for those who wish to share in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion by means of intinction. It is located beside the font.

You are invited to receive Prayers for Healing: After you have shared the Sacrament of the Eucharist or received a blessing and would like to receive prayers for healing with the laying on of hands, members of the healing prayer team will pray with you, in confidence, in the meditation space at the back of the church.

Communion Hymn 159.....**Brightest and Best**
Choir Anthem: The Three Kings.....P. Cornelius
Kevin Bradshaw - baritone
Silence
Post Communion Prayers ..... p. 280, p.214
Transitional Prayer: **Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. In this time of transition, fill us with your Spirit, that it might quell our fears, and rekindle our passion to proclaim that Christ is in our midst. Grant us assurance of your healing love, that we may, with wisdom and understanding, continue the best of our past and present ministries. Bless us with vision and hope, that we might discern your will for us in the days to come. And give us the courage to leave behind all that hinders us from becoming the community you call us to be. Amen.**
The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 162 .....**Sing of God Made Manifest**
Dismissal (Response: **Thanks be to God.**)
Organ postlude: *The Postlude is the concluding offering of worship; Those who wish to leave during the Postlude are asked to do so quietly.*

If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact Archdeacon Perry.

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Elsie Millerd, Judy Shantz

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK – January 9– January 15
Tuesday January 10
1:00 p.m. Meditative Prayer Group – St. Aidan's Altar
Wednesday January 11
7:30 a.m. Early Eucharist with breakfast
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer
Thursday January 12
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday January 15
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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The Prayers of the People – Jan. 8, 2017

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IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Diocese of Kuching, in South East Asia, the Right Reverend Bolly Lapok, Bishop, and the Right Reverend Solomon Cheong Sung Voon, Assistant Bishop; and for the clergy and people there, and our mutual ministry and mission.

PRAY for Linda, our Diocesan Bishop; for Colin, our Archbishop; Fred, our Primate; Mark, Anglican Indigenous Bishop in the Anglican Church of Canada; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Susan, National Bishop, and Michael, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. In the Anglican Church of Canada we pray for Director Andrea Mann, the staff of Global Relations, and the staff for Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray for the Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the people, parishes and clergy of our own Waterloo Deanery, and especially Christ Church, Ayr; St. George's, New Hamburg; and St. Bede's Chapel at Renison University College in the University of Waterloo.

FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

PRAY for the Diocese of Amazonia, companion Diocese of the Diocese of Huron. Pray for the Bishop, clergy, and people of that Diocese, for the Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Pray for peace and safety in this area.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER

WE PRAY this week for Inga & Andrew Beamish, Gloria & Ronald Bin-Edward, Emily & Jim Blair, Tony Bohnert and their families.

PRAY for Perry, our Interim Transitional Priest; for Ken and Paul, our assisting clergy, and the wardens and lay leaders of our parish.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

WE PRAY this week for Joan; Colleen; Pat; Ted & Merrian; Tracy; Marlin; Maggie; Bruce; Martha; Heather; Miranda; Grace; John &

family; Nicholas, Isabel, Bette; Linda; Oliver; Dianne; Sue; Peter; Raleigh, Meg & Travis; Linda.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, AND THOSE FOR WHOM FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ian and Marguerite Ormston, from Leslie Ormston.

We pray for the family and friends of Winifred Rees and Cecelia Downing who died last week.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For members of the Transition Team of our parish, as they lead us in reflection and action that will give us new insight and vitality. Pray that we may continue to work to redefine our calling to mission and ministry and prepare for welcoming one to lead us and work with us to fulfill that calling.

Pray for all who will travel during this holiday season, that they may be kept safe. Pray for students and teachers as they return to school, college, and university.

Parish Notices

Today in Church School. We'll act out the story of the magi who visited Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Bethlehem. Then we'll act out how the holy family had to flee to another country to keep Jesus safe. They had to pack up everything in a hurry. They traveled all the way to Egypt and then all the way back to Nazareth (Matthew 2). We will pack up our Advent and Christmas decorations and we will pray for children today who are refugees.

Fundscrip Gift Cards/Cash Cards The next order will be placed on Sunday, January 14.

ON EAGLES' WINGS The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, January 15. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Paul Millerd, by Thursday, January 12 for this forthcoming issue. You may send items to Paul by email paulmillerd@hotmail.com, or simply drop them off in the OEW mailbox in the narthex.

Bales Update: Our collection of clothing donations for Kenora bales has started and will continue until January 22. All items of clothing are welcome but here are some items that have been especially requested: winter jackets of all sizes, warm socks, mitts, hats, long underwear, maternity clothes (especially pants), children's clothing (especially sizes 7-16), shoes (in good condition), belts, purses and backpacks. Items can be new or very gently used. Please ensure clothing items are clean and washable. Please place any donations in the labeled box under the table in the Narthex or in the church office. Bales packing will take place the Saturday mornings of Jan. 7, 14 and 21. All help is appreciated. If you have any questions, please speak to Nancy Chittick or Sandra Roy.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

St. John's has hosted nearly 60 Japanese university students over the past two years for a program of English study and cultural exchange. We'll have two more groups coming this winter:

1. February 8-March 1

2. March 3-15

We need families who can host one or two students for one or both sessions. Remuneration is provided. An ideal host family is one who will welcome their student as a family member, interact with them and include them in daily activities so they can truly learn what it means to be a part of a Canadian family. Students have class from 9-3 M-F and participate in various activities around town. Host families are asked to provide three meals a day (brown bag lunch on weekdays) and help with transportation to and from St. John's.

Hosting students has raised several thousand dollars through facility fees, so it's another way to support our church!

If you are interested in hosting a student or two, please contact Gary French. Also, you can see a video of past programs featuring the St. John's family at: http://www.nasthomestay.org/blog/108

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