

**Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens**

**DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

Eucharist #2



**The Epiphany of the Lord**



# *Who Is My Mother?*

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Verse 1

**Who is my mother who is my brother?**

**All those who gather  
round Jesus Christ.**

**Spirit blown people  
born from the Gospel**

**Sit at the table round Jesus Christ.**

Verse 2

**Differently abled differently labelled  
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ  
Crutches and stigmas  
culture's enigmas  
All come together round Jesus Christ**

Verse 3

**Love will relate us, colour or status  
Can't segregate us  
round Jesus Christ  
Family failings human de-railings  
All are accepted round Jesus Christ.**

Saxophone Solo

Verse 4

**Bound by one vision  
met for one mission  
We claim each other  
round Jesus Christ  
Here is my mother,  
here is my brother,**

**Kindred in spirit round Jesus Christ.**







**Greetings and Announcements:  
Rev. Rob Henderson**

A serene sunset or sunrise scene over the ocean. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, with a bright sun partially obscured by clouds on the right side. The water is a deep blue, and a small sailboat is visible on the horizon in the lower left corner.

*Let There Be Light*  
*Book of Common Praise*

**572**



Verse 1

**Let there be light,  
Let there be understanding,  
Let all the nations gather,  
Let them be face to face;**

Verse 2

**Open our lips,  
Open our minds to ponder,  
Open the door of concord  
Opening into grace;**

Verse 3

**Perish the sword,  
Perish the angry judgment,  
Perish the bombs and hunger,  
Perish the fight for gain;**

Verse 4

**Hallow our love,  
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
Hallow their holy freedom,  
Hallowed be thy name;**

Verse 5

**Thy kingdom come,  
Thy spirit turn to language,  
Thy people speak together,  
Thy spirit never fade;**



Verse 6

**Let there be light,  
Open our hearts to wonder,  
Perish the way of terror,  
Hallow the world God made.**



# ***THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY***

***Celebrant:***

**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.**

*Celebrant:* **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.**

*Glory to  
God on  
High*

*Book of  
Common  
Praise*

*365*



Verse 1

**Glory to God on high,  
And peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
Our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
Almighty God and Father  
Blessed in glory bright.**



Verse 2

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,**

**The Father's only Son,**

**The sacrificial Lamb,**

**Who saves the world from sin,**

**Have mercy Lord.**

**Beside the Father's hand enthroned,**

**Now hear our prayer.**

Verse 3

**You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign  
With Father and with Spirit  
One in glorious light.**

*We say together the Collect for today:*

**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.**



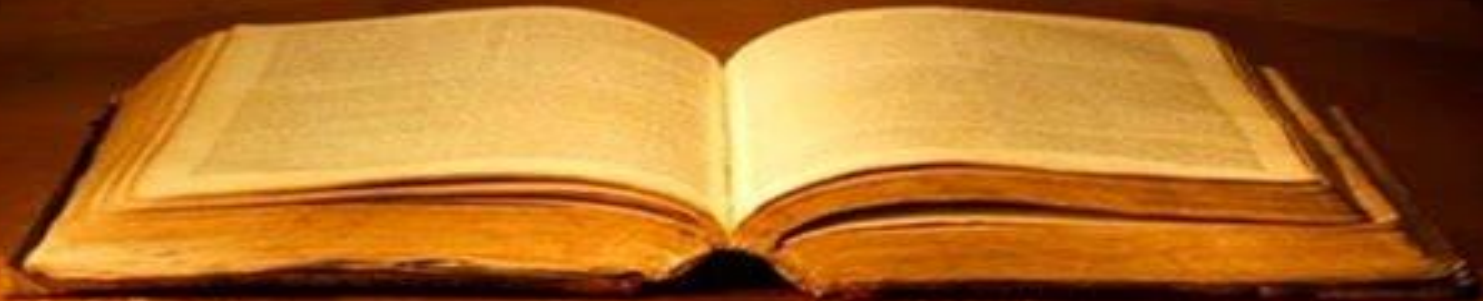
# THE READINGS

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# *The Proclamation of the Word*



# ISAIAH



**A Reading from the  
Book of Isaiah (60:1-6)**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

**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,**

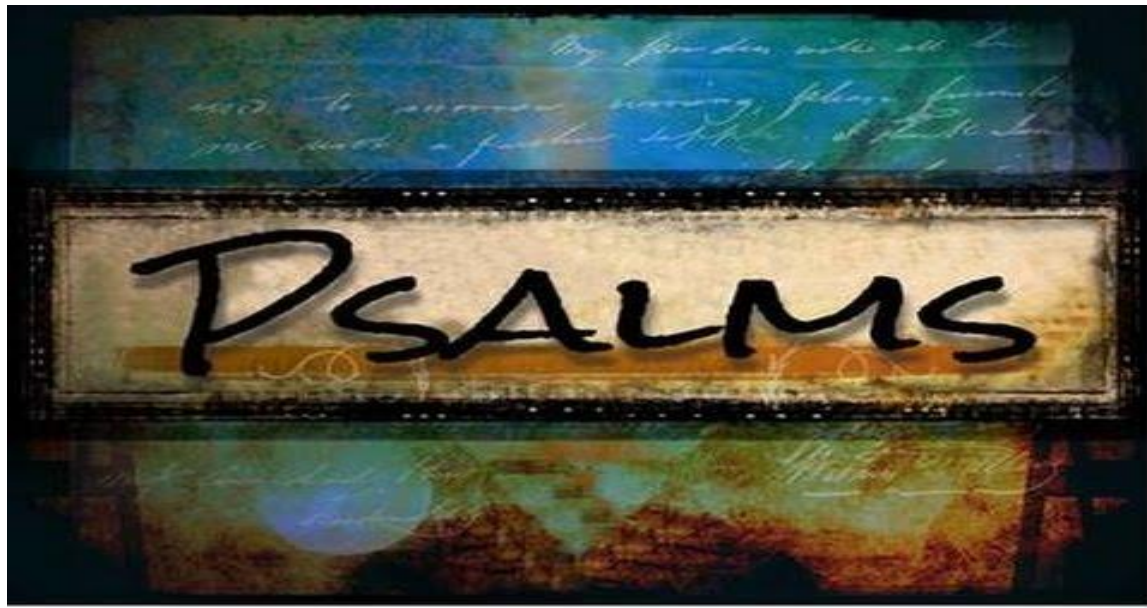
**because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

**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.**

*Reader:* **The word of the Lord.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**





Psalm 97

**Refrain:**

***“All the nations shall serve him.”***

Psalm 97

**Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's  
son; That he may rule your people  
righteously and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring  
prosperity to the people, and the  
little hills bring righteousness.**

***All the nations shall serve him.***

Psalm 97

**He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.**

***All the nations shall serve him.***

Psalm 97

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

***All the nations shall serve him.***

Psalm 97

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.**

***All the nations shall serve him.***

Psalm 97

**He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

***All the nations shall serve him.***

Psalm 97

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

***As it was in the beginning  
is now and will be forever.  
Amen***

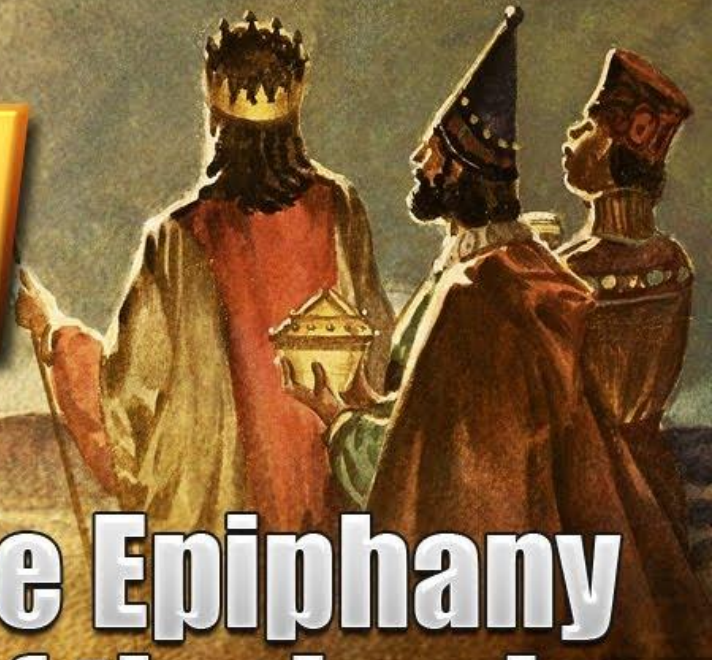


# THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW

2:1-12

The Epiphany  
of the Lord





# *Santo Santo*



*Verse 1*

**Santo Santo Santo**

**Mi corazon te adora!**

**Mi corazon te sabe decir**

**Santo eres Senor**

*All stand for the Gospel*

*Reader:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* **The Holy Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew.**

*People:* **Glory to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

## *Matthew 2:1-12*

**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.**

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

*People:* **Praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Verse 2

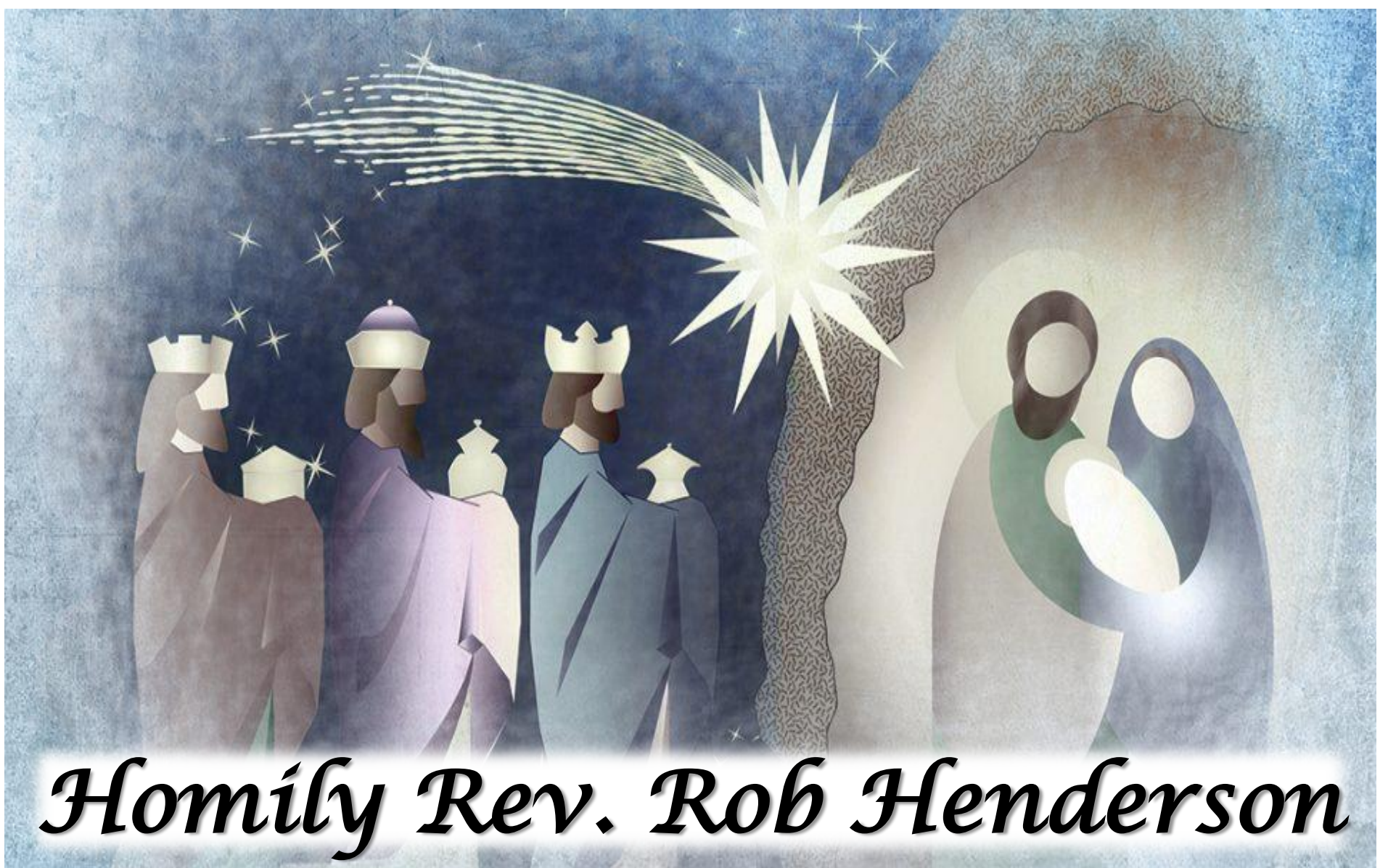
**Holy Holy Holy**

**My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart is glad to hear Your word;**

**You are Holy Lord.**





*Homily Rev. Rob Henderson*

# *The Apostles' Creed*

*Celebrant:* **Let us confess  
the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,**

*People:* **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.**





*Prayers of the People*

*The Epiphany of the Lord – Year B*

**God of light and life. Our prayers rise  
before you this day in hope and faith.  
The response to God of light, is:  
*Hear our prayer.***

**We pray for your church.**

**For Todd our Bishop and for the  
Diocese of Huron.**

**For the clergy and all people.**

**Guide us by your spirit that we may  
shine your light.**

**God of light.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in  
proclaiming your Good News to the  
world. We pray for all who are  
coming to faith, all who wonder  
about faith, and all who are  
struggling with faith.  
God of light.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples. We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.  
God of light.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**We pray those for whom our prayers  
are especially desired.**

**We pray for those on our Parish  
Prayer list especially today:**

***Joanne P., David H., Meghan R., Ted  
D., Alvin, and Jean & Bill F.***

**God of light.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby. We hold in our hearts those living in the Middle East, Ukraine and all areas of conflict. May they find peace. God of light.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray for the land on which we stand. We give thanks for the first peoples of this land. For the creatures, plant life and waters around us.**



**Lead us to care for this fragile earth,  
our island home, and to heal the  
circle of creation.  
God of light.**

**Hear Our Prayer.**

**Loving God your known our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light.**

**Amen.**

# *Confession and Absolution*

*Celebrant:* **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.**

*Celebrant:*      **Most merciful God,**

*People:*            **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.**

*Celebrant:*     **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.**



*Celebrant:* **The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

# Blessings from God



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## *I Will Bless Thee Oh Lord*



Verse 1

**I will bless thee oh Lord**

**I will bless thee oh Lord**

**With a heart of thanksgiving**

**I will bless thee oh Lord**

Verse 2

**With my voice lifted up  
With my mouth filled with praise  
With a heart of thanksgiving  
I will bless thee oh Lord**



**Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.**





# Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today  
are given to the *Glory of God* by  
*Jeanette Maloney* in memory of her  
loving husband *Jim Maloney*.

*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.**



# Eucharistic Prayer # 2



*Celebrant:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Lift up your hearts.**

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* **Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.**

*People:* **It is right to give our  
thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* **We give you thanks and  
praise,  
almighty God,  
through your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom  
you have created all things.**



**By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.**

**In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands  
in suffering,  
to bring release to those  
who place their hope in you;  
and so  
he won for you a holy people.**

**He chose to bear  
our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter  
the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness  
of sin and despair.**

**By his resurrection  
he brings us  
into the light of your presence.**

**Now with all creation  
we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.**

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.**

**God of Power and Might**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on high.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on High.**

**Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ;  
who on the night  
he was handed over  
to suffering and death,**

**took bread and  
gave you thanks, saying,  
“Take, and eat:  
this is my body  
which is broken for you.”**

**In the same way he took the cup,  
saying,**

**“This is my blood  
which is shed for you.**

**When you do this,  
you do it in memory of me.”**



**Remembering, therefore,  
his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this  
cup, giving thanks that you have  
made us worthy to stand in your  
presence and serve you.  
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy  
Church.**

**Gather into one all who share  
in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the  
truth, that together we may praise  
you and give you glory  
through your Servant,  
Jesus Christ.**

**All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.**

*People:* **Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Our  
Father  
in  
Heaven



*The Lord's Prayer (Landry)*

*Cantor:* Let us pray to God our Father in the way  
Jesus taught us to pray:

*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 Yours is the kingdom,  
And the power,  
and the glory,  
Now and for ever. Amen**





*Breaking of the Bread #6*  
*Incarnation*

*Celebrant:* **We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the  
light of the world.**

*People:* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**





**The gifts of God  
for the  
People of God.**  
*People:* **Thanks be to  
God.**



*Lamb  
of  
God*



Verse 1

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**



COME  
*Gather*  
AT OUR TABLE

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,  
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please allow personal distance when  
approaching to receive the sacrament.**

**If you do not wish to receive the wafer,  
please cross your arms in front of your  
chest to receive God's blessing.**

**Gluten free wafers are available.**

# *Communion Hymn*





A close-up photograph of a wooden manger, likely made of dark-stained wood, filled with dry straw. The manger is positioned in the center-left of the frame. A bright light source from the upper left creates a strong highlight on the straw and the wooden rim, while the rest of the scene is in deep shadow. The background is a dark, textured surface of straw.

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
*Book of Common Praise 125*



Verse 1

**Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
nowells ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.**

Verse 2

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds  
keeping  
vigil till the morning new saw the glory,  
heard the story, tidings of a Gospel  
true.**

**Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet tomorrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you,  
Christ the Babe was born for you.**

*We Say Together the 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 Lord now and  
for ever. Amen.**

# *The Doxology*

*Celebrant:* **Glory to God,**

*People:* **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

*May God's grace bless  
you this Epiphany.*



Parade





*Sing To God Made Manifest*  
**Book of Common Praise 162**

Verse 1

**Sing of God made manifest  
In a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem  
Where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound,  
Signs mysterious and profound:  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold  
Grave and God and king foretold.**

Verse 2

**Sing of God made manifest  
When at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you,  
But your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign  
Dove-like Spirit, voice divine  
Hailed the true Anointed One:  
“This is my beloved Son.”**



Verse 3

**Sing of God made manifest  
When Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign,  
Turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed  
As he taught, forgave, and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all  
Who would listen to God's call.**

Verse 4

**Sing of God made manifest  
On the cloud-capped mountains crest,  
Where both voice and vision waned  
Until Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
Given as Jesus set his face  
Towards the waiting cross and grave,  
Sign of hope that God would save.**



# The Dismissal



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*I'm Building My House*

Verse 1

**I'm building my house,  
down by the riverside.  
There the cool waters flow,  
both day and night.  
When I'm thirsty I walk  
down by the riverside.  
Then I take a drink,  
to my heart's delight.**

Chorus

**I'm not thirsty any more,  
I'm not thirsty any more,  
Now I drink from the waters of life.  
I'm not thirsty any more,  
I'm not thirsty any more,  
Now I drink to my heart's delight.**

Verse 2

**There's plenty of room,  
Down by the riverside.  
There the cool waters flow,  
Both day and night  
You can build next to me  
Down by the riverside.  
We'll take a drink  
To our hearts' delight.**

Chorus

**We're not thirsty any more,  
We're not thirsty any more,  
Now we drink from the waters of life.  
We're not thirsty any more,  
We're not thirsty any more,  
Now we drink to our heart's delight.**



Bridge

**If you are weary,**

**And you don't know where to go**

**To quench the thirsting in your soul.**

**Come to the river,**

**Let the healing waters flow**

**Into your heart and make you whole !!**

Verse 2 (repeat)

**There's plenty of room,  
Down by the riverside.  
There the cool waters flow,  
Both day and night  
You can build next to me  
Down by the riverside.  
We'll take a drink  
To our hearts' delight.**

Chorus

**I'm not thirsty any more,  
I'm not thirsty any more,  
Now I drink from the waters of life.  
I'm not thirsty any more,  
I'm not thirsty any more,  
Now I drink to my heart's delight.**





GOD BLESS

See You Next Week

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*