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*Wednesday Service*

January 5, 2022

11:00 a.m. Service

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### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips,  
**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.  
**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

### First Reading: 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.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALMS

**PSALM: 72:1-7, 10-14**

Celebrant: Give the king your justice, O God,  
**People: and your righteousness to a king's son.**

Celebrant: May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**People: and your poor with justice.**

Celebrant: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
**People:** **and the hills, in righteousness.**

Celebrant: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
**People:** **give deliverance to the needy and crush the oppressor.**

Celebrant: May he live while the sun endures,  
**People:** **and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**

Celebrant: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**People:** **like showers that water the earth.**

Celebrant: In his days may righteousness flourish  
**People:** **and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

Celebrant: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
**People:** **may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

Celebrant: May all kings fall down before him,  
**People:** **all nations give him service.**

Celebrant: For he delivers the needy when they call,  
**People:** **the poor and those who have no helper.**

Celebrant: He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
**People:** **and saves the lives of the needy.**

Celebrant: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
**People:** **and precious is their blood in his sight.**

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

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Reading:** **Ephesians 3:1-12**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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 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 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.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING MATTHEW**

**People: 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON: Rev. Susan**

**All: Amen**

*(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Hear, O Israel**

**All:**           **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**Celebrant:**    Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:**    That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:**    That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:**    That God may bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:**    That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:**    That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**       **Lord, have mercy.**

**Celebrant:**    We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

**Celebrant:**    Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**All:**           **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (Prayer of the Day)

**All:** God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Celebrant: 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 for ever. Amen

## **DISMISSAL:**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **NOTICES:**

## **THE BLESSING:**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore

**All:** Amen.

## **THE DISMISSAL:**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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**Assisting today:**

Celebrant (online): The Rev. Canon Simon Bell  
Celebrant in person: The Rev. Susan Snelling  
Preacher: Rev. Susan  
Video: Fr. Simon/David Paradis

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Gabrielle & Dom & family; Brandon & Rineke Semsch; Samantha Wright; Karyn; Shane & Shelly Finnigan & Families; Donna & Ray Wilson; Bill & Cathy Gray; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Rose McIntyre; Dave & Winnie Fulcher; Laura Johnston; Phil & Kathy C.; Cecil Nelson & Family; Cole; Stephen Bertelsen; Martin Bertelsen; Lorraine W.; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Mark Ralston; Kim Middaugh; Jackson; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Brenda Jessem; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean.

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Adesh; Lisa Marie; Sophia L.; Joyce Antony; Pam Rees; Alvin Maynard; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Jim Tomkins; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Cecilia Mowat; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Owen; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Lorraine W; Fr. Murray; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Gordon Kennedy; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

The Diocese of Isuikwuato (Nigeria)

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Holy Trinity, Guildwood