

**Living Waters Anglican Fellowship
Epiphany Sunday ~ Sunday, January 3, 2021**

Welcome

The Rector

Opening Song: **The First Noel**

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

THE ACCLAMATION

I will make you as a light for the nations,
That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Here what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great and commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (*Matthew 22:37-40*)

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray;

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Kathy Doering

THE SERMON

“Prepare Him Room: The Christ”

The Rector

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**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 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.

Song: **Worthy Of It All**

All the saints and angels

They bow before Your throne

All the elders cast their crowns

Before the Lamb of God and sing

You are worthy of it all

You are worthy of it all

For from You are all things

And to You are all things

You deserve the glory

Day and night night and day let incense arise

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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 upon us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (said)

As now as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every Communion table of your church and in every home, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. For I pray in your holy name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Closing Song: **O Praise the Name (Anastasis)**

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

THE DISMISSAL

We will proclaim:

Christ faithfully to the nations.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.