

Breaking of the Bread

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Giving of Communion

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All baptised Christians are invited to participate in the Communion, everyone else is welcome to receive a Blessing.

Prayer after Communion

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn

CP

#83

As with Gladness Men of Old

The Blessing and Dismissal

*Please gather around the 'West' door both In and Outside for Church Blessing: **20+C+M+B+19***

Lord bless this household of faith. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and a keeping of your law. We give you thanks.

Christ our Lord to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing.....

I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation and all guests are warmly invited to gather for Refreshments following the service at the Anglican Centre (children go across accompanied by an adult)

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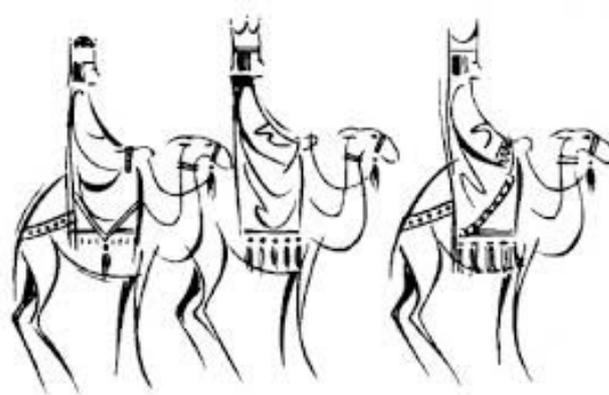
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Order of Service

The Feast of the Epiphany
'searching for gold'



St. Catherine's Anglican Church

6 January 2019

11.15

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Kara K Werner
Organist: Stephen Brown

THE COLLECTION WILL TODAY BE TAKEN DURING THE FINAL HYMN

→CP = Common Praise (*hymn book*)
→CW = Common Worship (*prayer book*)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St
Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

Opening Hymn CP #84
Brightest and Best of the Sons of the morning

The Gathering

The Greeting CW 167
Blessed are you Lord our God King of the universe ! From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world. The Lord of glory be with you. The Lord bless you.

Confession using "Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy....."

The Gloria CW: inside front cover

The Collect CW 383

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ingathering of the Dispersed *Please sit*

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.

This is the word of the living Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72.10-15 R: *All kings shall bow down before him*

Celtic Alleluia *Please stand*

Gospel Reading: The Visit of the Wise Men

Matthew 2.1-12

Alleluia Alleluia. We have seen his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage. **Alleluia.**

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.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon may be followed by a short period of silent reflection

Creed *Please stand* CW 173

Prayers of Intercession

R: Lord of glory : **Hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *Please stand*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn with Offering Acclamations CP
#91

We Three Kings

Preparation of the Altar

Lord accept your people's gifts, not of gold or frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ our light and our salvation. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer G CW 201

In whichever language suits you.

Offering Acclamations:

GOLD

Blessed are you Lord our God King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever !

As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven
times in the fire

so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever !

INCENSE

Blessed are you Lord our God King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever !

As our prayer rises up in your presence as incense
so may we be presented before you with penitent
hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your
priestly service.

Blessed be God for ever !

MYRRH

Blessed are you Lord our God King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever !

As you give medicine to heal our sickness and the
leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations
so anoint us with your healing power that we may be
the first-fruits of your new creation.

Blessed be God for ever !

