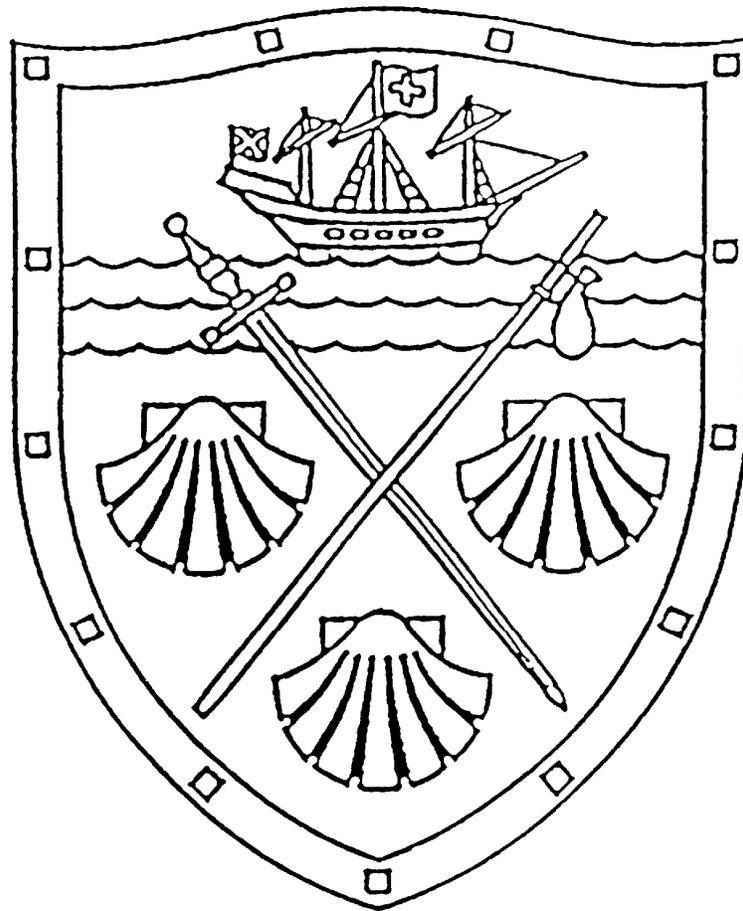


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion at 11:00am



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude In Dir Ist Freude BWV 615

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn – CP 160

Text: William Chatterton Dix, alt.;

As With Gladness Men of Old

Music: Konrad Kocher; Tune: Dix

Cantor As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

Collect at the Crèche

Presider The kings of Tarshish and the isles shall pay tribute:

People **The kings of Arabia and Saba shall offer gifts.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God the Son, highest and holiest, you humbled yourself to share our birth
and our death: Bring us with the shepherds and wise men to kneel before
your lowly cradle, that we may come to sing with the angels your glorious
praises in heaven; where you live and reign, world without end.

People **Amen.**

Hymn – CP 160

Text: William Chatterton Dix, alt.;

As With Gladness Men of Old

Music: Konrad Kocher; Tune: Dix

Cantor As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,
so may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright need they no created light:
though its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our king.

Greeting

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

Kyrie Eleison

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria

Presider Glory to God in the highest,

People **And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

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.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Reader 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 *Please remain seated.*

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

One Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

All **That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

One That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

All **He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

One He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

All **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

One In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

All **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

One All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

All **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

One He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

All **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Reader 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

A. Gregory Murray

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider
All

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to Almighty God, saying,

Lord of glory,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Almighty God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider Most merciful God,

All **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.**

Presider 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.**

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Hymn - CP 385

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell;

Music: Melody *Choral-buch vor*

Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt, Üttingen, 1754;

Tune: Üttingen (Was Lebet)

Cantor Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider 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

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

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

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

All **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed,**

may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Please be seated.

Peter Cornelius

Motet

Three Kings

Cantor

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

People

Amen.

Doxology

Presider

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

Presider May Almighty God, who led the magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out that same Spirit upon you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, by the power which turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn - CP 101

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Music: Melody Johann Crüger;
adapt. William Henry Monk; Tune: Crüger

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Cantor Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois

Presider & Homilist: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail
Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell
Cantor: Korin Thomas-Smith

Lockdown can be a lonely experience for many members of the Cathedral. Not only does it take away the opportunity for in-person worship, it adds the burdens of isolation and disconnectedness to so many who live alone. If you know anyone who would benefit from a call from our pastoral care team, please be in touch with Canon Beth Benson at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca. Thank you.

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SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

A **Special Vestry** of St. James Cathedral Church is being called for **January 17, 2021 at 1:30pm to take place on Zoom**. In keeping with the Canons of the Church this will be a single agenda meeting to seek Approval in Principle for the Replacement of the Retorts at St. James Cemetery and Crematorium and the required funding for this project.

In accordance with the Canon on Vestries of the Diocese of Toronto, persons sixteen years of age and over who have been members of and worshippers with this congregation for at least three months, prior to the meeting of the Vestry, and have not voted as a member of any other Vestry during the previous three months, nor intend on voting in any other Vestry during the ensuing year, are parish members. If you wish to confirm your status as a parish member please email info@stjamescathedral.ca.

Registration to attend the Special Vestry meeting is available on our website at www.stjamescathedral.ca or by email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or leave a message at 416-364-7865, ext. *229. Details of how to connect to the meeting will be sent to registered members closer to the meeting date.

The following motions will be considered:

It is moved and seconded that St. James Cathedral approves proceeding with the replacement of the two retorts at St. James Cemetery and Crematorium at a cost of no more than two million dollars.

It is moved and seconded that St. James Cathedral give permission to its wardens to seek funding for the replacement of the two retorts at St. James Cemetery and Crematorium from the Diocese of Toronto, through a Financial Institution loan, internal sources or some combination.

As discussed at Vestry 2020, the Cathedral relies on revenue generated by St. James Cemetery, particularly, the crematorium operated in the Chapel of St. James-the-Less. Cremation revenue is vital, not only to supporting the operation of the cemetery but also to the ministries of St. James Cathedral. The crematorium retorts – combustion chambers – are beyond the end of their service life and began to fail intermittently in 2019, leading to a complete shut down for several weeks in early 2020.

The Corporation and staff have developed a proposal to replace the retorts with new equipment in 2021. Approval in principle by a meeting of Vestry based on preliminary plans, a cost estimate and a method of financing is now required to proceed with final planning, completing financial arrangements and putting the project out to tender.

If approval is obtained, a second meeting of Vestry will be held to obtain final approval to execute the project based on final plans, actual cost as established by a tender or contract, method of financing and, particulars of a performance bond furnished by the contractor.

It is important that as many members of Vestry as possible participate in both meetings of Vestry.