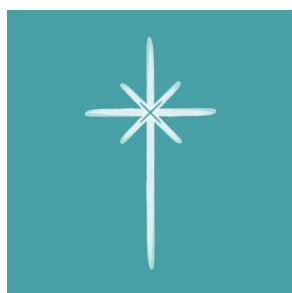
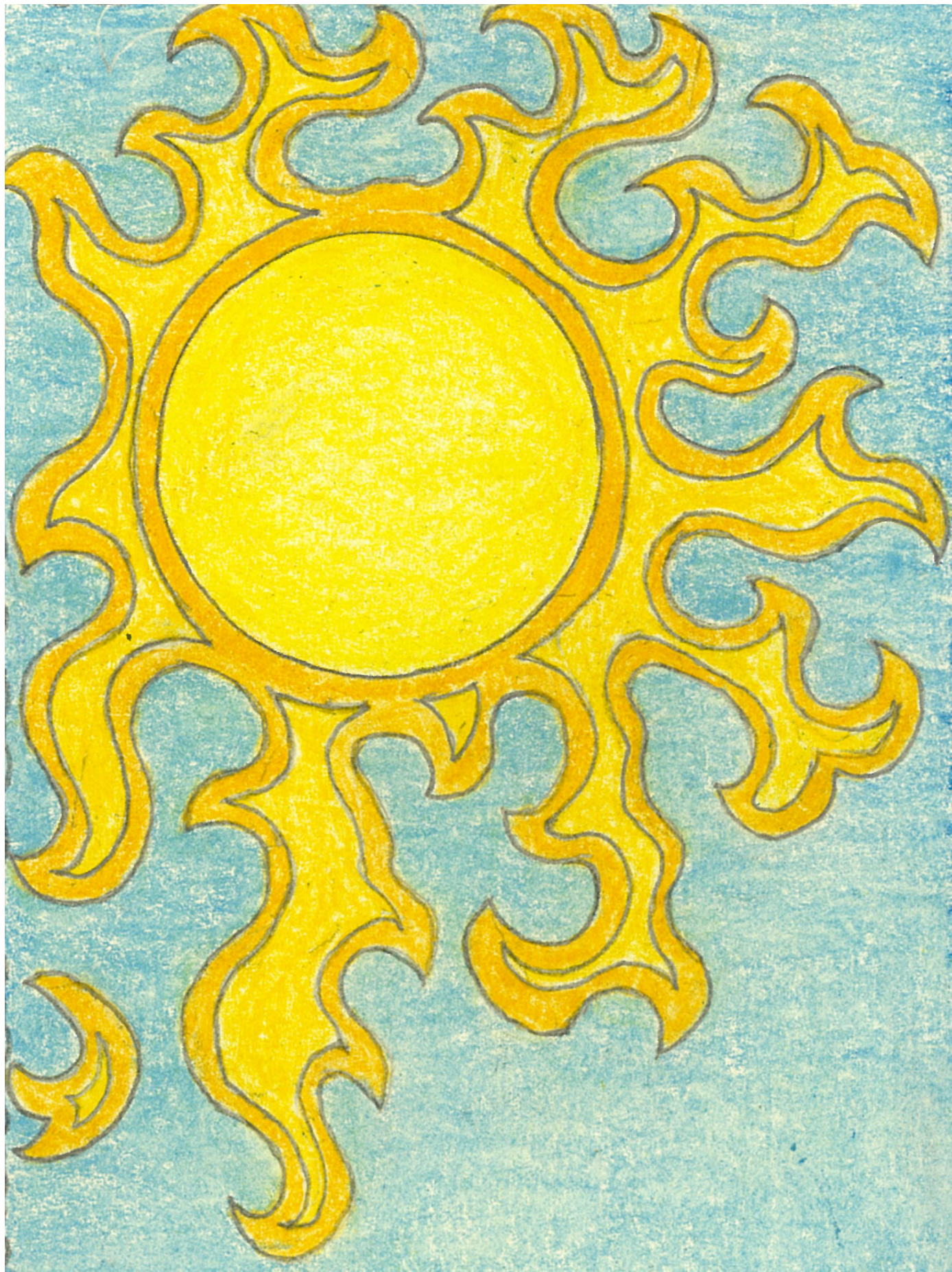


**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**9:30 am Holy Eucharist**  
**December 28, 2025**



**Epiphany Anglican Church**  
**1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa**  
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***Come Journey with Us!***





*Welcome to Epiphany! We are glad you are here today.*

*If you are visiting, please make yourself at home.*

*Our vibrant children and youth program with Sunday School at our 9:30 am service resumes on January 11.*

*Note that our service is live-streamed, recorded, and posted to social media.*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin. **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

**Opening Hymn** 🎵 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (B138) 🎵

Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born king,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"

**Refrain** Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,  
Pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! **R**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. **R**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## 🎵 **Song of Praise** 🎵

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## **The Wreath Gathering**

We have lit these candles in hope and expectation. Now we can say: **Jesus is the light of the world.** *All five candles are lit.*

### **Candle Song**

|                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Light the Christmas candle now: | Candle, candle, burning bright,      |
| Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow; | shining in the cold winter night     |
| Birthday candles for the King,  | Candle, candle, burning bright,      |
| let the alleluias ring          | fill our hearts with Christmas light |

## **The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have shone upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **A reading from the Book of Isaiah (63:7-9)**

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**praise God in the heights.**

Praise the Lord all you angels;

**sing praises, all you heavenly host.**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;

**sing praises, all you shining stars.**

Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,

**sing praises, you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;

**who gave the command and they were created,**

who made them stand fast for ever and ever,

**who gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,

**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

fire and hail, snow and fog,

**tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

mountains and all hills,

**fruit trees and all cedars;**

wild beasts and all cattle,

**creeping things and wingèd birds;**

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,

**princes and all rulers of the world;**

young men and young women,

**old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**whose name only is exalted,**

**whose splendour is over earth and heaven.**

The Lord has raised up strength for this people

**and praise for all loyal servants,**

the children of Israel,

**a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!**



## **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews (2:10-18)**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: ♪ **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
(2:13-23) **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

**Homily**

### **Musical Reflection**

♪ *O Holy Night* by Adolphe Charles Adam (arr. Mark Hayes) ♪

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God of grace, you show us mercy not according to our worthiness, but according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Grant us the courage to go into the world and do likewise. We pray for Shane our Primate; Anne our Metropolitan, as well as the staff at Ascension House. We pray for Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation, our diocesan partners. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop and for our diocesan Administrator, Bishop Michael Bird. We pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa with the Very Reverend Beth



Bretzlaff, the Reverend Canon Douglas Richards and Deacon Jarrett Carty. We pray for our own Church of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest and all who lead ministry here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, the sun and moon praise you and the shining stars sing of your love. Where we have desecrated your creation, make us into a healing balm for what we have broken. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of righteousness, when leaders fail to fulfill their calls to enact justice, you suffer alongside us. Propel those in power to see you reflected in the faces of all they serve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, you claim us as your own. Pour out your compassion in every place your people suffer, and protect them in the palm of your hand. Tend to those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Othnel & Charlene**, **Maria**, **Ricardo & Amber**, **Dianne** (Smith), **the Samuel Family**, **Emma** (Carriere), **Jill** (D), **Erin** (Galt), **Ghassan**, **Ryan** (Thompson), **the Idris Family**, **Jackie** (Adams), **Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family**, **Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Peter** (Blackie), **Wahazet** (Asmlash), **Janine & Mike** (Monahan), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **Denis**, **the Douglas Family**, **Gregory**, **Miroslav** (Slejska), **Paul** (Melhus), **Neil** (Temple), **Sandy** (Harris), **Julie** (Foster) and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you console those who weep for lost beloved ones. Even as we mourn, we offer thanks for those who have gone before us, trusting in your comfort and protection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*We remember to share the Peace with those worshipping online.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

♪ **The Offertory Hymn** A Voice Was Heard in Ramah ♪

A voice was heard in Ramah that could not be consoled,  
As Rachel wept for children she could no longer hold.  
For Herod ruled the nation, yet feared the Infant King.  
How great the devastation that fear and anger bring!

O God, we hear the crying for little ones of yours:  
For many still are dying in conflicts and in wars.  
In every troubled nation, on every violent street,  
How great the lamentation when fear and anger meet!

Whenever one is weeping, the whole world suffers too.  
Yet, Jesus, as we serve them, we're also serving you.  
So may we not ignore them, nor turn our eyes away,  
But help us labour for them to bring a better day.  
O Prince of Peace, you lead us in ways of truth and grace.  
May we be brave to practice your peace in every place,  
To love each fear-filled nation, to serve each troubled street.  
How great the celebration when peace and justice meet!

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*You are invited to place your financial gift*

*on the collection plate near the baptismal font before or after service.*

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we  
who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in  
the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

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, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;** 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 sons and daughters; 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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing: ♪ **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 forever. Amen, amen.** ♪

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. **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. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Communion Hymn** Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (R184) ♪

Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### **The Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray. Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **Blessing & Announcements**

♪ **The Closing Hymn** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (B425) ♪

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### **Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Announcements

**Epiphany Sunday Confirmations and Potluck** Retired Bishop Peter Coffin will be with us on Epiphany Sunday, January 4, 2026 and will be confirming Alex and Emmett. Please pray for the candidates and plan to attend. Epiphany Sunday is always special as we'll have our Epiphany Star Words and our annual potluck brunch after the service (St. Elias won't be worshiping that morning so we'll have lots of time to linger). Bring something to share if you can, stay even if you can't - join us!

**Epiphany Study Group Thursday Evenings** We will take a little break from bible study and will resume Thursday, January 8.

**Creative Connections** continues through the Christmas season, including Tuesday, December 30 and January 6 from 10 am to noon. All are welcome to join in a friendly game of cards, chess, or a project you're working on. The more the merrier!

**Epiphany Wishlist** If you have a wish or can fulfil one, email: [wishlist@epiphanyanglican.ca](mailto:wishlist@epiphanyanglican.ca). The names of wish-ers and wish fulfillers will remain confidential.

| This Week's Wishes & Volunteer Needs                                                                                                                         |  |
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| Someone fluent in Spanish willing to help out with translation from time to time for a new family from Venezuela sponsored by the Interchurch Refugee Group. |  |

| ✧ A Meaningful Christmas Continues ✧ |                          |         |                                                                              |
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| Jan 4                                | The Epiphany of the Lord | 9:30 am | Holy Eucharist with Bishop Peter Coffin Visit, Worship Band & Potluck Brunch |
| Jan 11                               | The Baptism of the Lord  | 8:00 am | Quiet Eucharist                                                              |
|                                      |                          | 9:30 am | Choral Eucharist                                                             |

# Get in Touch & Get Involved!

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Assisting in Ministry Today

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| Altar Guild          | Lina Trépanier, Jestina Agbaje    |
| Crucifer             | Doug Sherman                      |
| Sidespeople          | Laurence Sianchuk, Cara Pelletier |
| Readers              | James Menard, Margaret Moffett    |
| Psalmist             | n/a                               |
| Prayer Leader        | Roy Moffett                       |
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Are you new to Epiphany? Moved or changed coordinates, or would you like a name tag? How about becoming involved in a particular way or have ideas for our parish and community? Use the form below and place it on the offering plate.

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