

A colorful illustration of a winter landscape. A rainbow arches across a purple and blue sky. A bare tree stands on the left, with a small owl perched on a branch. In the foreground, several foxes are depicted in a snowy field. One fox is standing on the left, another is walking towards the center, and a group of three foxes is on the right. A small bush is also visible. The entire scene is framed by a decorative, multi-colored border. The text is centered within the white space of the frame.

# **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**with Confirmations**

**January 4, 2026**

**9:30 am**



**Epiphany Anglican Church  
1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa  
[epiphanyanglican.ca](http://epiphanyanglican.ca)**

***Come Journey with Us!***





*Welcome to Epiphany! We are glad you are here today.  
If you are visiting, please make yourself at home.*

*In today's intergenerational service,  
children are invited to stay with the adults during worship.  
Sunday school resumes next week.*

*Epiphany's worship band joins our choir to lead us in song this  
morning, and we are blessed to have the Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin  
with us to preside at the confirmations of Alex and Emmett.*

*Note that this 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** As With Gladness Men of Old (B160) ♪

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.

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;  
Thou its Light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

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.**

There is one body and one Spirit, **there is one hope in God's call to us**; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **one God and Father of all.**

### ♪ **Glory to God** ♪

**Glory to God in the highest, 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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray. Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, so that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **A reading from the Book of 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. Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14** ♪

**Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you x2**

O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice, and your afflicted ones with judgement. **R**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the rulers of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All rulers shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:1-12)**

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.

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 (2:1-12). **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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Presentation and Examination**

<i>Candidates</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
<i>Alexander James Killby Emmett Hunter Mark</i>	<i>Susan Liddle</i>

*Bishop:* The candidates will now be presented.

*Presenter:* I present these persons for reception and confirmation.

*Bishop:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates:* I do.

*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates:* I do.

*Bishop:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Candidates:* I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

*Bishop:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

*Bishop:* Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God’s help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? **I will, with God’s help.**

**Prayers**

*Bishop:* Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

*Leader:* That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That your guidance may be sent upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird. We pray for Shane our Primate, Anne our Metropolitan and for the Communion Forest and Compass Rose, our diocesan partners. We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada with Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley, and for the Parish of Huntley with the Reverend Bob Albert. We pray for our own Parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and all who lead ministry here; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That your healing come to all 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.* In your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That your comfort and strength come to all who are in mourning; in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

*Bishop:* Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



*Bishop:* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Emmett, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Emmett with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Alex with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

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

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*You are invited to place your financial gift on the collection plate  
near the baptismal font before or after service.*

♪ **The Offertory Hymn** We Three Kings (R292) ♪

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**Refrain**      O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **R**

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. **R**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **R**

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to the heavens replies. **R**

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. 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; 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.

♪ **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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (x2) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.** ♪

♪ **Communion Hymn** O God Beyond All Praising ♪

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.  
The flow'r of earthly splendour in time must surely die,  
Its fragile bloom surrender, to you the Lord most high;  
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,  
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,  
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

♪ **Musical Reflection** *Ubi Caritas* by Ola Gjeilo ♪



Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

Glory to God, **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.**

## **Episcopal Blessing & Announcements**

♪ **Closing Hymn** Joy to the World (B154) ♪

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive the King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
Let us glad songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as our sin is found,  
Far as our sin is found,  
Far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

## Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

♪ **Postlude** Epiphany Song by Chunson Park & Gennaro Busa ♪

Epiphany how bright the star, a beacon of hope and light for all.  
A friendly face of love and grace, attentive to God's call.  
With open hearts for those in need, a gracious family.  
We grow in song, we get along in perfect harmony!

**Refrain**      Epiphany how bright the star,  
                    a beacon of hope and light for all.  
                    With outstretched arms, come join our song,  
                    we welcome one and all at Epiphany!

Our journeys take us on many paths,  
but all lead home to Epiphany.  
From coast to coast, from near and far, a vivid tapestry!  
And though we sometimes go astray, our destination's clear.  
Come find a friend to travel with: Epiphany is here! **Refrain**

We work together, we share the load,  
we offer our gifts with humility.  
Through laughter, tears;  
through joy and strife, a strong community.  
Our hearts hold space for those who've gone,  
and those we've yet to meet.  
No matter who, at Epiphany, you'll always find a seat! **Refrain**

## Announcements

**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 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!

# Get in Touch & Get Involved!

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Are you new to Epiphany? Have you 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 this form and place it on the offering plate.

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