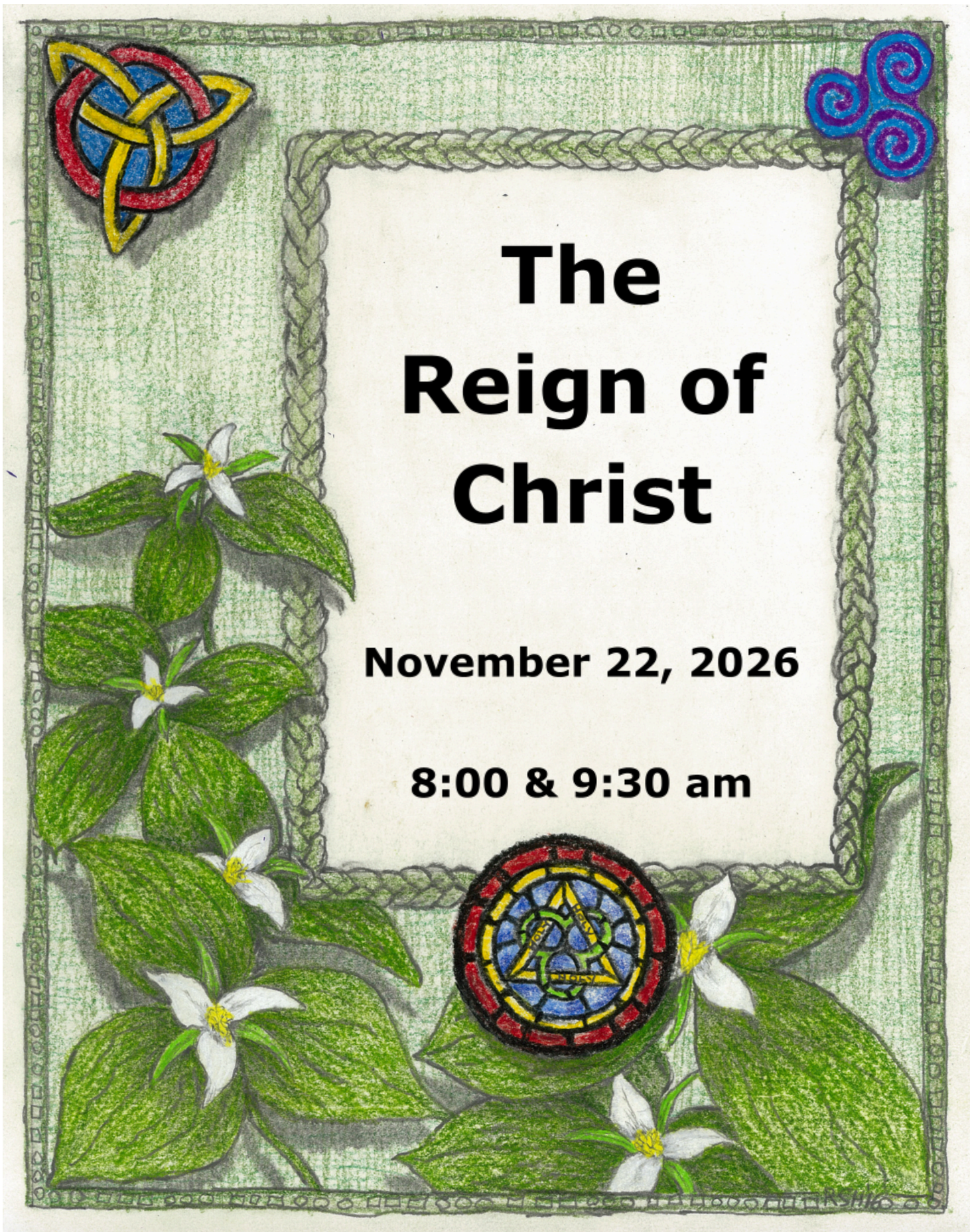



**Epiphany Anglican Church**
**1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa**
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***Come Journey with Us!***

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

*We have a vibrant children and youth program*
*with Sunday School at our 9:30 am service.*

*Note that the 9:30 am 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** Praise, My Soul (B381) ♪

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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.**

Almighty God, **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.**

## The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. God our king, one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least; through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. **Amen**.

## The Proclamation of the Word

**A reading from the Book of Ezekiel** (34:11-16, 20-24)

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep.

I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge

between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

♪ **Psalm 100** ♪

**Refrain: The mercy of the Most High is everlasting.**

Be joyful in God, all you lands; worship with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Know this: the Most High is God, who made us and claims us, who leads us and shepherds us. **R**

Enter the holy gates with thanksgiving; go into God's temple with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of God. For our God is good, everlasting in mercy: God's faithfulness endures from age to age. **R**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians** (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 (25:31-46). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**Homily**

## The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say: **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 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. 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Primate, as well as Staff at Ascension House, including the Archives. We pray for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, our diocesan partner, and for St. Paul's, Hazeldean-Kanata with the Reverend Canon Stephen Silverthorne. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and all who lead ministry here. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward justice that heals. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Ghassan**, **Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family**, **Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **the Douglas Family**, **Julie** (Foster), **Faith**, **Miroslav** (Slejska), **Mary** (Jonah), **Maria**, **Riccardo**, **Margareth**, **Ambar**, **Tendeh**, **Janine & Mike**, **Linda** (Tasovac), **Ruth**, **Curtis**, **Darcy** (Colenutt), **Nicole** (Asite), **Don** (Raymond) **& Family**, **Kathy & Family**, **Bobby**, **Saindass** (Aeri), **Ryan** (Thompson), **Vanessa & Talhia** (L), **Celestine** (Bynoe), **Michael** (Blakely), **Joanne** (Lewis), **Jilleen**, **Yagu** (Coker), **Stephen** (Jolicoeur), **Linda** (Plourde), **Belinda** (Cone), **Martin & Crystal** (Thieringer), **Nellie** (Miller), **Roy** (Moffett), **Sherri** (Gaudreau) and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Nicole Asite in loving memory of her mother, Chief Lady Mercy Tega. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness. *Silence is kept.*

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 on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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. **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

♪ **Offertory Hymn** As We Gather at Your Table (B61) ♪

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
    let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
    how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
    bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
    those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

## 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. Alternatively, scan this QR code to give electronically.*

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪ At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪ From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪ But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪ Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: ♪ **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.** ♪

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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." ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪ Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ♪ Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. ♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.** ♪

*at 8:00 am*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*at 9:30 am*

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**

**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.**

**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. ♪**

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread. **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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. ♪**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in bread and/or wine. If you'd prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Let Rev. Simone know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to receive around the altar.*

**♪ Communion Hymn** Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord (R319) **♪**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you **Repeat**

**Refrain** To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you **Repeat, then Refrain**

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you **Repeat x4**

## The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
**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.**

## Blessing & Announcements

♪ **Closing Hymn** Crown Him with Many Crowns (B378) ♪

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Announcements

**Alongside Hope Christmas Cards & Church Calendars** Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF) Christmas cards are now available for a donation of $25 each, and church calendars are available for $7 each. Both are available in the narthex or by emailing the church.

**Angels Foundation Christmas Party** The Angels Foundation supports refugee claimants and other newcomers with practical support, genuine community and cultural programming. Members of Epiphany are invited to attend the Angels Foundation annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 12 at 4 pm, and to contribute desserts and decorations. Please speak with Angela after church to learn how you can participate.

**Creative Connections** Tuesdays between 10 am & noon. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of coffee and join in a friendly game of cards, chess, join the group at the crafting table, or work on a jigsaw puzzle. The more the merrier!



## Advent at Epiphany



***Preparing for Advent with our Altar Guild*** If you'd like to help our faithful altar guild with Advent and Christmas preparations, join them on Saturday, November 28 from 10 am until 1 pm.

***A Contemplative Journey Through Mark*** Join us on three Thursday evenings during Advent—December 3, 10 and 17--as we read through the Gospel of Mark and spend time in contemplative prayer. These quiet evenings will also feature Taizé music. A potluck dinner will be served at 5:45 pm with the prayer service beginning at 6:15 pm.

***Advent Paper Chains*** Remember making paper chains for Christmas? On Sundays during Advent, a table in the narthex will hold the necessary supplies for everyone to participate in making chains to decorate Epiphany. But first, write something for which you are thankful on the strip of paper and tuck that inside the

loop. Week by week, the growing chains will be a festive decoration and a visual reminder of our gratitude. So mark the days until Christmas and indulge in a little nostalgia!

***Alongside God: Active Waiting in Times of Uncertainty and Difference*** Subscribe to this daily Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF) Advent resource where author Brittan Hudson explores "active waiting," a holy, gritty posture of expectation that engages with uncertainty and difference, to become the ground for change. Subscribe by visiting alongsidehope.org/advent-sign-up-page.

***Christmas Bazaar on December 5*** Planning is well underway, and artisan vendor tables are filling up fast. If you'd like to participate as a vendor, contact Cara at cara.pelletier@outlook.com or 613-265-4762 without delay! Rental fees are only $25 per table/space. Come, be part of the merry festivities!

## Epiphany Christmas Services

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| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve | 4:00 pm | Pageant with Worship Band & Holy Eucharist |
| | | 6:30 pm | Carol Sing |
| | | 7:00 pm | Choral Eucharist |
| Dec 25 | Christmas Day | 9:30 am | Service of the Word |
| Dec 27 | 1st Sunday after Christmas | 9:30 am | Quiet Eucharist |
| Jan 3 | The Epiphany of the Lord | 9:30 am | Intergenerational Choral Eucharist with Worship Band & Potluck Brunch |
| Jan 10 | The Baptism of the Lord | 8:00 am | Quiet Eucharist |
| | | 9:30 am | Choral Eucharist |

## Get in Touch & Get Involved!
## Ministry Team Leads at Epiphany

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| **Organist/Pianist**<br>Josh Wu | **Webmaster**<br>Alex Killby |
| **Fellowship**<br>Larry Ciccarelli | **Income**<br>Uzo Onochie-Roy |
| **Membership**<br>Steve Heiter | **Outreach**<br>Charles Maier |
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| **Treasurer**<br>Gregg Alexander | **Worship & Altar Guild**<br>Shelley Harvey |

### Giving to Epiphany

Did you know that Epiphany's activities and outreach are entirely funded by parishioner donations? There are many ways to help: e-transfer epiphanyanglican@gmail.com, automatic giving (email office@epiphanyanglican.ca), or placing a gift on the collection plate.
All gifts are important and appreciated!

## Assisting in Ministry at 9:30 am

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| **Greeter** | Wendy Green |
| **Altar Guild** | Lina Trépanier, Jestina Agbaje |
| **Crucifer** | Shelley Harvey |
| **Sidespeople** | Cara Pelletier, Laurence Sianchuk |
| **Readers** | Matthew Ezema, Alex Killby |
| **Psalmist** | Gillian Keane |
| **Prayer Leader** | Roy Moffett |
| **Communion Assistants** | Heather Howley, Cindy Hurst Boyd |
| **Coffee Hosts** | Don Leek, Judith Young, Anne Fairlie |
| **Lock Up** | Laurence Sianchuk |

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## Contact Form

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 the form below & place it on the offering plate.

Name _____

Email Address _____

Tel Number (optional) _____

Address (optional) _____

I would like a name tag Yes Not at this time

I would like a call from the priest Yes Not at this time

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