



**Archbishop Desmond Tutu
1931-2021**

“We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.”

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Visits - If you know of someone in this Parish who is sick or shut-in and would like a visit, please let us know! Rev Wendy would love to visit.

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St. James Anglican Church

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn - instrumental

The Grace

Celebrant: 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.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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

The Collect for the Day

(Together): 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. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72; 1-7, 10-14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Together): O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Musical Selection

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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

People: 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.

Church News

PWRDF Joint Fundraiser **with, St Andrew's, St Mary's and St Philip's**

Congratulations St James!

We've raised **\$3,025.00.**

That is more than double what we raised last year!

Thanks to all who have generously donated!

We have raised enough for at least 2 ½ wells...so far!

Canadian Church Calendars 2022 – in the Vestibule \$5.00 each.

Communitiy Breakfast – It is getting colder. We need men's jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, socks for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. January 15. Please let Donna know if you would like to volunteer!

Food Bank Sunday – Today! Thanks for your donations and continued support!!!

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna.

Memorial Bulletins –are available to remember loved ones on a Sunday chosen by the donor. A donation of \$25-50 would be gratefully received. For more information please talk to Loretta or Rev Wendy

Church News

Free Piano – It is downstairs, free to anyone who would like it!

E-offering – Good News! If you are interested in signing up, please see Tim Binks. Brochures are in the vestibule.

Movies to Borrow: There are a number of movies and books on racial themes. They are in a basket on the way out.

A Prayer for New Year's

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you the most,
And by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead!

— *St. Thomas à Becket (1118 or 1120—1170)*

Prayers of the People The Epiphany of the Lord

Priest : Gracious and loving Creator, in the manifestation of Christ you have revealed to all the earth the mystery of your love, spreading your illumination and your abundant promises unto all humanity: Hear us now and visit us with that light, as we pray for the needs of all creation, saying: Arise, shine, for the light has come, **and the glory of God has risen upon us.**

Reader 1: Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. Guide your church, O Holy One, that it may manifest the boundless riches of Christ by becoming a true servant of your grace. Arise, shine; for the light has come, **and the glory of God has risen upon us.**

Reader 2: Let the nations come to your light, O God, and bring rulers to the brightness of your day, that they may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice. Arise, shine; for the light has come, **and the glory of God has risen upon us.**

Reader 3: Thwart the schemes of those who abuse the resources of the world, O Creator, that the showers that water the earth may produce bountifully for all. Arise, shine; for the light has come, **and the glory of God has risen upon us.**

Reader 4: Manifest your Son to our community, O Merciful One, and lead us to your presence, that we might remember the lowly and poor, preserving the lives of the needy. Arise, shine; for the light has come, **and the glory of God has risen upon us.**

Reader 5: We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially (Add Parish List). We give thanks for our many blessings. We remember those who have entered into the mystery of your eternal life. Arise, shine; for the light has come, **and the glory of God has risen upon us.**

(Together) Gracious and loving God, we come before you with no gifts but ourselves: Accept the offering of our lives as vessels for the manifestations of your presence and let the light of your Spirit shine within and among us that we may share in the mystery of your loving purposes for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant; Most merciful God,

People: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Musical Selection

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together) 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

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,..... /to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: 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.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

Prayer after Communion:

((Together): 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

Doxology:

Celebrant : 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

Announcements

Closing hymn – instrumental

Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Joan Dennison, Irene, Ann, Gert, Belva Joanne