



Epiphany January 3 2021

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRIEST We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we worship.

For many thousands of years, the Algonquin people have walked gently on this land. We acknowledge their stewardship and seek a new relationship based in honour and deep respect.

GRACE

PRIEST: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

ALL: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

PRIEST: Almighty God...

ALL: 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.

OPENING RESPONSES - EPIPHANY

PRIEST: The Magi had a dream.

ALL: They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers. They dreamed of a new day for all people.

PRIEST: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

ALL: They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star. They walked for days to get to Jesus.

PRIEST: So may we be like the Magi,

ALL: May our dreams inspire action. May we worship the one true God. Amen.

COLLECT EPIPHANY

PRIEST: 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.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 60: 1-6*

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 3: 1-12*

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

PRIEST: The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 2, beginning at verse 1.

PEOPLE: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 2: 1-12

PRIEST: This is the Gospel of Christ...

PEOPLE: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRIEST: Let us affirm what we stand for, saying together:

ALL: We believe in God,
Who came to this earth as a child,
Was born to unmarried teenage parents,
And was quickly made a refugee.
We believe that this child grew up to heal the sick,
See the poor, Dine with outcasts,
Welcome foreigners, Wash the feet of sinners,
Offer second chances, And bless the children.
And so we believe that Christmas is only the beginning.
The dream does not end with a manger.
The dream ends with God's promised day.
So until all God's children are home,
We will follow the Magi's lead-
Walking, seeking, and looking up.
May it be so, for this we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BAS 1

PRIEST: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST For this Town of Mississippi Mills, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST For all who have died (especially . . .), let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST Remembering Saint Paul and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

ALL: To you, O Lord.

PRIEST O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught.

ALL: Amen.

CONFESSION

PRIEST: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your

neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

ALL: ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

PRIEST: 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.

COMFORTABLE WORDS BCP

PRIEST Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

THE PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - EPIPHANY

ALL: 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them to the Lord.

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

PEOPLE It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRIEST: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses, you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

ALL: 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.

PRIEST: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and

proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRIEST: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.

PRE-COMMUNION

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

ALL: 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

Priest blesses the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL**

Priest dismisses the Congregation

ALL: Thanks be to God!