

Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – Epiphany Transferred

The Dean and Melissa Green officiate today. Music is pre-recorded and performed by Gail Ovington and various contributors.

Our service today originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Clarissa and James Kavanagh by Elizabeth; In loving memory of Brian Light and in thanksgiving for the love and new life in Christ by Gordon Light; in loving memory of Reed by Verna Albright; In Loving memory of George Lamperson by Gwyneth; In loving memory of my wife Diane by Gary McAteer.

Music is played as we gather by Gail Ovington

ONLINE GATHERING

Melissa Green (*to intercessions*)

Come among us, Jesus
You whom the angels worship
and children welcome
Come Jesus, and meet us here

Come among us, Jesus
You who hurled the stars into space
and shaped the spider's weaving
Come Jesus, and meet us here

Come among us, Jesus
You who walked the long road to Jerusalem
and lit a flame that dances forever
Come Jesus, and meet us here

God, your constant love reaches the heavens
Your faithfulness extends to the skies
Your righteousness is towering like the Mountains

We find protection under the shadow of your wings
We feast on the abundant food you provide
Your justice is like the depths of the sea
You are the source of all life and because
Of your light, we see the light *Iona Community*

CAROLS

**What Child is this?
Huron Carol**

Barb Liotskos and Gordon Light
Jim Waldie

COLLECT

Bright Morning Star,
your light has come,
and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy.
Like the magi of long ago,
may we be drawn to you
and offer you such gifts as we are able;
for with Christ and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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. ISAIAH 60:1-6

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

CAROLS

**Away in a manger
Go tell it on the mountain**

Rhonda Dextraze with Ally
Jennifer and Ron Ste Marie

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

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. EPHESIANS 3:1-12

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The Little Road to Bethlehem Rachel Casponi

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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. MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ** CAROLS

We Three Kings, Alison Rustand

We The Kings (Christmas Carol) - Shillong Chamber Choir ft. Ilana Yahav (Sand Artist, Israel) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5Xcn5PAVUM&feature=youtu.be>
From an upcoming album 'Come Home Christmas' ~ Used with permission from the Shillong Chamber Choir

INTERCESSIONS

Dean Ken (*to end*)

The unity of the Church and for good relations with other faith traditions and all those who seek the common good . . .

The peace of the world, for good governance, and the global community . . .

The healing of the sick and all those in special need at this time . . .

The revelation of Christ to those from whom glory is hidden or frustrated . . .

All who are isolated and those who face particular social challenges at this time . . .

For your needs, and those of others . . .

Shining God
even the darkness is not dark to you
shine in our darkness, light of our lives.

When we walk in the grey gloom of confusion
when pain drains all the colour out of life
when we are paralysed by the darkness of fear
shine in our darkness

When we know that others are walking in the darkness
give us courage to be light for them. **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(St. Teresa of Avila wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it, the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.")

Spiritual communion is defined by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in loving embracing him as if we had actually received him."

This ancient tradition of spiritual communion is available to all of us when we are not able to receive the bread and wine. After the prayer asking Jesus to come to us spiritually please quietly while music is played)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Said)

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

The Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**My dear Jesus, in these times,
I cannot receive you sacramentally as I wish.**

**Come into my soul now, as you came into your world.
Bring healing and peace. Give comfort and joy.
Restore your Church in Love. Strengthen us for service
that when our wanderings end,
we may in courage and confidence
bring your love to the world. Amen.**

Quiet time as music is played

Dean Ken

Closing Prayers

Let us pray.

Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us in this spiritual way
with Jesus Christ.

**May we who follow Christ,
bring life to others;
we, who the spirit lights,
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us;
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our 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

May the Holy One of Israel,
who led the magi by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also, in your pilgrimage,
to find the Lord;

and the blessing of God,
the Father, the Author of creation,
the Word of redemption
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Ken

CAROLS

**See amid the winter's snow
Angels we have heard on high**

Jim Waldie
Rachel Casponi

A Postlude is played by Gail Ovington