



# ST. JOHN'S Anglican Church

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## Epiphany Season

### Processional Hymn:

Jan. 7	465 Here In This Place New Light Is Streaming
Jan. 14	505 Be Thou My Vision
Jan. 21	572 Let There Be Light
Jan. 28	486 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
Feb. 4	306 O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

### The Gathering of the Community

**Leader:** The Magi followed the light of your star wherever it led.  
**All:** **Our journeys have brought us to this place.**

**Leader:** The Magi expected a King and found a newborn child in a manger.

**All:** **We, too, seek the fulfillment of your promise and find ourselves together in this community.**

**Leader:** God of all, give us the will to follow your light. Open our eyes to see you in our everyday lives. Grant us the courage and insight to respond as your faithful people wherever our journey takes us.

**All:** **Amen.**

### Proclamation of the Word

#### 1st Reading:

Jan. 7	Isaiah 60:1-6
Jan. 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10
Jan. 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Jan. 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Feb. 4	Isaiah 40:21-31

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:**

Jan. 7	160 As With Gladness Men of Old
Jan. 14	508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Jan. 21	273 Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple
Jan. 28	560 God, Whose Almighty Word
Feb. 4	479 O Christ, the Master Carpenter

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew/John/Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jan. 7	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 14	John 1:43-51
Jan. 21	Mark 1:14-20
Jan. 28	Mark 1:21-28
Feb. 4	Mark 1:29-39

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**All: We trust in a life-giving God; who created our world with all that we need who made each of us unique and complete. We trust in a life-affirming God: who came to us in Jesus Christ; whose grace abides in unlikely people and unexpected places.**

**We trust in a life-changing God: whose power can transform us and the systems that ensnare us; whose grace can create a world of justice and abundance for all.**

**We trust in a God who is with us at all times and in all places.**

**We commit ourselves: to follow when we are called; to respond where we are led. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** *(kneeling, sitting or standing)*

**Confession and Absolution**

Presider: The prophet Isaiah said,  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind.  
Let us confess the ways we have walked in darkness  
and rejected God's vision of wholeness.

**All: God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.**

Presider: God deliver you from the darkness of sin, fill you with grace, and keep you in eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**The Peace is exchanged:**

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn:**

Jan. 7	156 The People That in Darkness Sat
Jan. 14	438 O Jesus, I Have Promised
Jan. 21	383 Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun
Jan. 28	585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Feb. 4	393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Prayer over the Gifts

**All:** God, our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer as a sign of love and worship, lead us to eternal joy. Amen.

### The Eucharist Prayer

Presider: Creator of all, you bring light to the darkness  
**All:** and with that light, comes our life.

Presider: Announced by a star, your light dwelt among us in Jesus  
**All:** and shines into our hearts today.

Presider: Give us grace to embrace the word of light and life  
**All:** and follow your star to unexpected places.

Presider: God of love, we thank you because you shaped our world and flung the stars into space; and when you came among us, you chose to be born, not in a palace, but in a barn.  
**All:** Take us to the manger. Let us see your glory in everyday things.

Presider: We thank you because your power and love were shown to us in Jesus; not only in acts of startling magnificence, but in the simplicity and depth of his day to day living, his empathy for the hungry, his embrace of the outcast, and his generosity to those with nothing to give.  
**All:** Take us to the world. Let us see people through your eyes.

Presider: We thank you because Jesus loved us to the end. When he knew his time was near, he gathered his friends and washed their feet to teach us the power in humble acts of love. He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it and shared it, saying:  
"take and eat, this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took a cup of wine, gave you thanks, and shared it, saying:  
"drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this to remember me."

**All:** Bring us to your table. Feed us with the abundance of your grace.

Presider: Through this meal, we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus and recommit ourselves to follow his path.

God of transforming power, send your Holy spirit to bless this common food, that receiving this bread and wine we may set aside our fear and pride and open ourselves to the surprising ways you reveal your glory.

**All:** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer: *(sung)*

**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 forever. Amen.

### Invitation to the Table:

Presider: At this table, all are welcome and all are fed.  
Come to share in the gracious presence of God.  
**All:** Let this holy meal lift us from darkness to light.  
May we find joy in the unexpected path that is lit before us. Amen.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Communion Hymns:**

Jan. 7	137 What Child is This
	64 Author of Life Divine
	139 The First Nowell
	146 Twas in the Moon of Wintertime
Jan. 14	432 Jesus Call Us! O'er the Tumult
	385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness
	61 As We Gather at Your Table
	70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts
Jan. 21	430 Will You Come and Follow Me
	59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him
	73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All
	615 Just As I Am
Jan. 28	533 Ubi Caritas et Amor
	500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant
	67 God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living
	487 Where Charity and Love Prevail
Feb. 4	531 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
	48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
	292 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
	613 We Lay Our Broken World

**Prayer After Communion:**

Presider: Let us pray.....(*silence*)  
 Gracious God, our guiding light, we thank you for feeding us in this meal and opening our eyes to your grace.

**All: Make us aware of your presence all around us that we may be beacons of hope for others. Amen!**

**Doxology** (*sung*)

**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.**

**The Blessing**

Presider: This week, as we follow the light,  
**All: may we honour all with dignity.**

Presider: As we have been blessed,  
**All: may we bless others.**

Presider: As we encounter the unexpected,  
**All: may we recognize the ever-present grace of God.**

Presider: And may the blessing of God, Creator, Word and Spirit,  
 go with you now and always.  
**All: Amen.**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries Prayer**

**All: God, we thank you for your servants who are celebrating a special event in their lives. Grant that the year ahead may be one of newness and hope and joyful surprises. May your love and truth light their path and their lives grow more fully into yours. Bless them this day and for the year ahead. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn:**

Jan. 7	143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Jan. 14	587 Once to Every Man and Nation
Jan. 21	602 Lift High the Cross
Jan. 28	450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be
Feb. 4	513 Guide My Feet

**Dismissal:**

Leader: Go with joy to witness God's love everywhere.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

**Sun. Jan. 14** – Special Vestry – see info below

**Wed. Jan. 17** – Parish Council 7 p.m.

**Sun. Jan. 28** – Vestry reports deadline to office

**Thurs. Feb. 1** – Tansley 10 a.m. service

**Sun. Feb. 18** - Vestry

## St. John's Mid-week Eucharist

Come and join us in the church for simple prayers, bread and wine.

**PARISH COUNCIL** – Please advise the office if you will not be attending Wed. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY** – Let Me Go There by Paula Gooder. A limited number of copies are available for \$15 in the church office. The study will be Sundays from **March 4 - 25**.

**SPECIAL VESTRY** – for the purpose of electing a lay delegate and an alternate for Synod, will be held after the service **January 14, 2018**.

**VESTRY REPORTS** – Annual Vestry will be held Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> after church. Vestry reports will be available in the Bell Tower the Sunday prior. **If you are responsible for a report it must be in the office by January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Delivery by email is preferred but not necessary. Thank you.