



THE VISIT OF THE WISE-MEN

Lessons and Carols for Epiphany

January 14

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:00 am Contemporary Eucharist (BAS)

11:00 am Lessons and Carols for Epiphany

Epiphany Introit

Willan

Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler

And in his hand the Kingdom, and power, and Dominion

Processional Hymn 356 Brightest and best

Stella Orientis

Bidding Prayer

At this Epiphany-tide we pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church, the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the world; that it may please thee O God to confirm and strengthen it in purity of faith, in holiness of life, and in perfectness of love, and to restore to it the witness of visible unity: that in all things it may work according to thy will, serve thee faithfully, and worship thee acceptably.

As we recall the journey of the wise men we pray for all missionaries, evangelists, pastors, teachers, doctors and nurses who serve in distant lands. Keep them safe in all danger and adversity, and comforted in all loneliness and distress, that they may minister faithfully and wisely, and in all things may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

And lest there be found wanting a goodly supply of witnesses to the Gospel, we implore thy blessing on all theological colleges and seminaries of religious and useful learning that in these and all places set apart for thine honour and service, true religion and sound learning may for ever flourish and abound.

And finally we pray for this Parish and its members that we may boldly follow the star of Bethlehem and kneel faithfully before the Christ-child, and rise up, no longer clutching 'alien gods', but glad to enter into the light of thine everlasting Gospel and henceforth to share its glory with those around us.

These prayers and praises we humbly offer up before the throne of heaven in the words which Christ himself hath taught us, saying:

Our Father...

Carol *What cheer?*
 What cheer? Good cheer!
Be merry and glad this good New Year!

« *Lift up your hearts and be glad*
In Christ's birth », *the angel bade,*
Say each to other, if any be sad :
 « *What cheer?* »

Now the King of heaven his birth hath take,
Joy and mirth we ought to make;
Say each to other, for his sake :
 « *What cheer?* »

Walton

I tell you all with heart so free :
Right welcome, welcome, ye be to me;
Be glad and merry, for charity!

What cheer? Good cheer!
Be merry and glad this good New Year!

Lesson I *Genesis 12.1-3* *God promises that in Abram all nations of the earth will be blessed.*

Carol *Joys Seven*
The first good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of one;
To see the blessed Jesus Christ
When he was first her son:
When he was first her son, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.

The next good joy...two;
...To make the lame to go:

The next good joy... three;
...To make the blind to see:

The next good joy...four;
...To read the Bible o'er:

The next good joy...five;
...To bring the dead alive:

The next good joy...six;
...Upon the crucifix:

The next good joy...seven;
...To wear the crown of heav'n.

Brown

Hymn 95 *Lo, the pilgrim magi (omit v 5)*
(Children are invited to go down to Sunday School during the second hymn)

Whitworth

Lesson II *Isaiah 60:1-7* *The Gentiles shall share in the light and glory of Israel.*

Carol *There is a flower*

There is a flow'r sprung of a tree,
The root thereof is called Jesse,
A flow'r of price;
There is none such in paradise.

1. This flow'r is fair and fresh of hue,
 It fadeth never, but ever is new;
 The blessed branch this flow'r on grew
 Was Mary mild that bare Jesu;
 A flow'r of grace;
 Against all sorrow it is solace.
2. The seed hereof was Goddes sand [gift],
 That God himself sowed with his hand,
 In Nazareth, that holy land,
 Amidst her arbour a maiden found;
 This blessed flow'r
 Sprang never but in Mary's bower.

Rutter

3. When Gabriel this maid did meet,
 With 'Ave Maria' he did her greet;
 Between them two this flow'r was set
 And safe was kept, no man should wit,
 Till on a day
 In Bethlehem it could spread and spread.
4. When that fair flower began to spread
 And his sweet blossom began to bed [bud],
 Then rich and poor of ev'ry land
 They marvelled how this flower might spread,
 Till kinges three
 That blessed flower came to see.
5. Angels there came from heaven's tower
 To look upon this freshele flow'r,
 How fair he was in his colour
 And how sweet in his savour;
 And to behold
 How such a flow'r might spring in gold.

Lesson III *Matthew 2:1-9* *The Wise Men inquire where Christ is to be born.*

Carol *Ring-a the news*

*Ring-a the news, the Saviour is born,
Ring-a the bells all over the town,
Sing-a we joy like birds in the heaven,
Sing-a we Jesus born to be King.
Angels are watching over the Christ child,
Shepherds are kneeling, Mary is near,
Noel, Noel, Emmanuel,
Noel, Noel, come see the Child.
Dance-a we joyous 'round the Babe
and sing-a we praises,
Ring-a we in excelsis Deo.*

Evans

*Ring-a the bells, oh sing on high,
Ring-a the news, three wise men are nigh,
kneeling and offering to the Baby
gold and myrrh and frankincense,
Lifting their hearts in praise and thanksgiving
in a stable Bethlehem way.
Noel, Noel...*

*Ring-a the news, all glory to Thee
Ring-a the bells for peach always,
Glory to God, good will to all
and Sing-a we Jesus, shining with joy,
Angels are choiring, ringing the manger,
Worshipping Christ child, Song of our God;
Noel, Noel...*

Lesson IV *Matthew 2:10-15* *The Wise Men present their gifts to the Christ Child.*

Carol *The Magi's Gifts*

The Star

*The star that lights our steps, our minds;
Our scholarly caution we leave behind.
To journey, to believe.*

The Child

*The child who holds our tearful gaze
In helpless divinity, human grace,
We rest, our quest achieved.*

Allain

The Dream

*The dream that steers a safe return
To tell – and still in truth ourselves to learn:
To journey, to believe.*

*How poor the gifts we offered,
How precious those we received.*

Hymn 396 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Cruiger

Lesson V *Luke 2.41-52* *The boy Jesus converses with the teachers in Israel.*

Carol *No small wonder*

*Small wonder the star,
Small wonder the light,
the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God – no small
wonder!*

*Small wonder the kings,
Small wonder they bore
the gold and the incense, the myrrh, to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross – no small wonder!*

Edwards

*Small wonder the love,
Small wonder the grace,
the power, the glory, the light of his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart – no small
wonder!*

Offertory Hymn 388 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

Duke Street

Carol *King Jesus hath a garden*

*King Jesus hath a garden full of divers flow'rs,
Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.*

*The crown imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
'Tis charity, of stock divine, the flow'r of grace.*

Rutter

*There naught is heard but paradise bird,
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal, trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute...*

There naught...

*The lily, white in blossom there is chastity:
The violet with sweet perfume, humility.*

*Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim
The Star of Bethlem Jesus Blessed be his Name!*

There naught...

There naught...

*Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
Make thou my heart thy garden plot, fair, trim and
neat.*

*That I may hear this musick clear:
Harp, dulcimer, lute,
With cymbal, trump and tymbal,
And the tender soothing flute.*

Epiphany Collects (124, 117) and Blessing

Recessional Hymn

*Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Without end!*

*Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath:
Alleluia!...*

*Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess:
Alleluia!...*

*God the Father, Light-Creator,
To thee laud and honour be;
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee;
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!*

Ebenezer

Responsory God be in my head

Davies

Organ Voluntary Lord Christ, the Only Son of God

Bach

Readers

<i>Lesson I</i>	<i>Michael van Donkelaar</i>	<i>Lesson IV</i>	<i>Meg Prichard</i>
<i>Lesson II</i>	<i>John Spearn</i>	<i>Lesson V</i>	<i>James Prichard</i>
<i>Lesson III</i>	<i>Susan Edwards</i>		

Announcements for January 14, 2018

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Monday-Friday</i>	<i>8:45-9:15 am</i>	<i>Mattins (in church)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5:30-6:30 pm</i>	<i>Volunteer Choir Practice (in church)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
	<i>6/6:30 pm</i>	<i>Ladies Dinner (in Thompson Hall)</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4:45-5:15 pm</i>	<i>Youth Choir Practice (in church)</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

<i>Epiphany III</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Contemporary Eucharist</i>
	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>Choral Mattins</i>
	<i>4:00</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Reconciliation</i>

Please join us for coffee after the service downstairs in Thompson Hall. This is a great opportunity to greet newcomers and old friends.

The flowers at the Altar today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbro Thompson, wife of Fred and mother of Ken and Ian.

Sidespeople

Jeff Ostic, Susan Brown

Peter Barr, Wendy Donohue

Altar Guild

Dinah Bristowe

Altar Flowers

Elaine Dightam

Coffee Hour Hosts

Ann Vaugeois, Marion Sanderson

There will be a very brief Special Vestry Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 12.15 pm for the sole reason of electing three lay delegates to Synod and two deputy lay delegates. This has to be done prior to our Annual Vestry Meeting in order to comply with the schedule for the election of a new Bishop on March 3.

CHILDREN

- Children are invited to go downstairs to Sunday School during the second hymn.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, February 11, 12:30 pm – **Annual Vestry Meeting** in church, Lunch will be provided.
- Sunday, March 4, 3 pm **Induction Service**, Rev'd Paul Walker, reception to follow. More details to follow.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

- We have had many comments about how lovely the Christmas arrangements looked both inside and outside our church. May I extend my thanks to the incredible volunteers who put together an amazing and very attractive tribute to our Lord. Betty, Lorna and Maureen, Walter, Richard, Sallie, Elaine, Damaris and Anne made the work fun and enjoyable. Thank you so much! NOW, the time has come to take down the lovely floral displays which adorned our church over Christmas. Several pots of poinsettia are still healthy and looking great. They are ready to bring a smile to another home and, perhaps even get planted in a sunny garden later this year in hope of one more colourful show before next fall's frost. Please take a plant and leave a small donation in the collection plate or, just outside the glass doors, in the Restoration Fund box mounted on the wall.
- **Annual Vestry reports** are due in the church office tomorrow **January 22** or send by email to lmcoultes7@gmail.com
- Contact information for **Father Paul Walker**, email – rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com or call the church office 519-846-5911. For the month of January, Father Paul will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- The **Ladies Dinner Group** January meeting will be held in Thompson Hall on January 17th (6 pm – dinner at 6:30). Our speaker is Joan Caesar who is an international adjudicator of magicians! January will be a pot-luck. (Our annual spaghetti dinner will be in February.) Please join us.
- **2018 offering envelopes** are available for pick up downstairs in Thompson Hall.

OUTREACH

- **Update from St. John's Refugee Support Group:** The committee has been in contact with local sponsors to assess the needs of Centre Wellington refugees, and has decided on the disbursement of the current balance (approx. \$800) of the Refugee Support Fund. These funds will be donated to the sponsored families of St. Andrew's Fergus for Driver Training expenses, and Elora United's Project Welcome to assist with their fundraising to bring additional family members to Canada. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing generosity of the congregation of St. John's, and we encourage your continuing support for these new "Canadians". Your donations should be marked "St John's Refugee Support Fund", and tax receipts are available.