



*Church of St. Bartholomew*  
*Epiphany Sunday*

*Sunday, January 3, 2021*

**The Reverend Canon David Clunie**

**Prelude:** *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Bartholomew Viol Consort

**Grace and Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** 160 *As With Gladness Men of Old*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore.  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

**Collect for Epiphany**

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.**

**Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 *read by Nancy Millson*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

In the time of 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Sermon** *The Reverend Canon David Clunie*

*Music after the Sermon The Angels Dip and Twirl* Brian Ruttan

The angels dip and twirl in stardust; The Magi log the star's display.  
While drivers doze wrapped up in dreaming, the camels grunt the night away,  
The camels grunt the night away.

The bus boy lugs in a change of straw; The Magi leave a secret way,  
Awed shepherds fill the slopes with chattering, the star rides singing on its way,  
The star rides singing on its way.

The father sleeps and can't imagine, the mother smiles and looks away,  
And in the room where love is rocking, the baby knows but doesn't say.  
The baby knows but doesn't say.

## **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for the Anglican Communion: *The Anglican Province of Alexandria*

I ask your prayers *for Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester and their Interim Priest-in-Charge  
The Reverend Alana McCord  
In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East, we pray for the clergy and people of  
St. Peter's Church, Birzeit, West Bank.*

I ask your prayers for the world. For peace and justice in the middle East, Ethiopia, Sudan and a peaceful transition of power in our neighbours to the south.

I ask your prayers for those on the front lines of our Covid response including the vaccination effort.  
*Canadian Forces remembering especially members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and those in  
diplomatic missions and NGOs, for our schools, especially Arch St Public School and Ashbury College,  
Long term care facilities especially the Garry Armstrong Home*

Seeking the strength and comfort of Christ, let us offer our prayers singing God of Love, **Hear our prayer.**

Living God, inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.  
Touch our eyes that we may see your glory in all creation.  
Touch our ears that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.  
God of Love: **Hear our prayer.**

Touch our lips, that we may proclaim with joy the wonderful works of God.  
Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.  
Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighbourhoods, communities,  
and all the world.  
God of Love: **Hear our prayer.**

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.  
Strengthen and encourage all who minister in our name, especially during these challenging times.  
Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.  
God of Love: **Hear our prayer.**

Heal the broken, restore the sick and suffering and raise up all who have fallen, especially all who have experienced loss of any kind in these pandemic days: at St Bartholomew's we pray for *Andrej, Al Wurtele, Busy, Colt, Elizabeth, Sue, Margaret, Laurie, Harriott, Marissa, Mary, Don, Christina, Hana and her family, Harriet and her family in Africa, Michael and Kathleen, Martha* and at St Aidan's we pray for *Janet, Iris, Jim, Jim and Rosemary, Tracy, Nell, Margaret, Seare* be with all those in our hearts this day (silence is kept).

God of Love: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who mourn and remember those who have died and let light perpetual shine upon them.

God of Love: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious and holy God, thank you for the witness of the magi, and give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** 153 *Good Christians All, Rejoice*

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say, Jesus Christ is born today;  
on and on before him bow and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this:  
He has opened heaven's door and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:  
Come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

**Offertory:** *Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.***



### **Sanctuary Flowers**

*The flowers are given in celebration on January 3, of Martine's three-quarter century birthday, by her husband Paul and family.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude: *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

### In appreciation for this week's online service

The Reverend Canon David Clunie

Readers: Nancy Millson Jim Bradford

Music

Timothy Piper - Organ and Piano

Bartholomew Viol Consort

Helen Mogford - treble viol

Jennifer Davis - tenor viol

Adam Fogo - tenor viol

David Clunie - bass viol

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### Art Work

1. Marie Kiar, *Winter Scene*. Courtesy of the artist. (Parishioner at Saint Bart's)
2. Leopold Kupelwieser (1796-1862), *The Journey of the Three Kings*, 1825. Public domain.
3. Alexey Scorohod, *Journey of the Magi*, 2015. Courtesy of the artist.
4. Jo Grundy, *Evensong*. Private collection.
5. Ruth Powers, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, 2015. Private collection.
6. John Everett Millais (1829-96), *Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind*, 1892. Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand.
7. Lawren Harris (1885-1970), *Winter in the Northern Woods*, c.1915. Private collection.
8. Giotto di Bondone (?-1337), *The Adoration of the Magi*, c.1325. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, NY.
9. Joseph Farquharson (1846-1935), *Beneath the Snow Encumbered Branches*, c.1903. Private collection.
10. Joseph Christian Layendecker (1874-1951), *The Three Wise Men*, 1900. Location unknown.
11. Edward Burne-Jones (1833-98), *The Adoration of the Magi*, 1894. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, NY.