



St. Laurence, Coquitlam

January 3, 2021 at 10 am

Epiphany

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

Call to Worship

Presider: O Star-flinging God,
whose light dances across eternity,
dazzle us into your presence
this new year.

All: Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

Presider: Awaken us to your presence,
knit to the ordinary.
Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

All: Heal us, that we might be healers.

Presider: Reconcile us to you and to ourselves,
All: that our living might be reconciling.

Presider: Stop us often, we pray
with news that is good
with hope that holds
with truth that transforms with a Word
tailored to this trail we're on.

**All: May the word of your grace guide our steps
like the sun by day
as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.**

— written by Glenn Mitchell, and posted on [MINemergent's Daily Communique](#).

Hymn

We three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

***O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, Ceasing never
Over us all to reign. ***Refrain***
3. Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising Gladly raising,
Worship him, God on high. ***Refrain***
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. ***Refrain***
5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
"Alleluia, Alleluia!"
Sounds through the earth and skies. ***Refrain***

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Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

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Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come

Refrain:

***Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.***

*1 God, give your kind judgment,
the son of the king
your sense of what is right;
2 help him judge your people
and do right for the powerless.
3 May mountains bear peace,
hills bring forth justice.*

Refrain:

***Arise, shine, for your light has come,
nd the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.***

4 May the king defend the poor,
set their children free,
and kill their oppressors.
5 May he live as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, for ever.
6 May he be like rain on a field,
like shoes that soak the earth.
7 May justice sprout in his time,
peace till the moon is no more.

Refrain:

***Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.***

10 Kings from Tarshish and the islands
will bring their riches to him.
Kings of Sheba, kings of Saba
will carry gifts to him.
11 All kings will bow before him,
all the nations serve him.

Refrain:

***Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.***

12 He will rescue the poor at their call,
those no one speaks for.
13 Those no one cares for
he hears and will save,
14 save their lives from violence,
lives precious in his eyes.

Refrain:

***Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.***

Gospel Reading

Reader May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Matthew 2:1-15

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “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.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘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.’” ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.”

⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

Reader	The Gospel of Christ.
All	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily	The Reverend Carla McGhie
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Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Presider	As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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.

Closing Hymn

Every Nation Sees the Glory

1. Ev'ry nation sees the glory
Of a star that pierced the night.
As we tell the wondrous story
We are bathed in radiant light.
Star sent forth from highest heaven,
Dancing light of God's design,
Shine upon the gift that's given:
Word made flesh now born in time.

2. Ev'ry tongue shall sing the praises
Of his birth in deepest night.
He is healing for the ages;
He is Christ, our God's delight.
He proclaims within his being
All our hopes, our great desires.
He shall die to rise, redeeming
All who follow with their lives.

3. Once again may we discover
Word made flesh sent from above.
In our neighbour, sister, brother,
In the lonely and unloved.
May we touch him, may we hold him,
May we cradle him with care
As we learn to love each other,
Bringing hope from out despair.

4. Gather, God, the world together
In the brightness of your day.
Fill hearts with joy forever;
Help us walk the holy way.
May your justice rule the nations;
May all people live as one.
Now we see our true salvation
In the glory of your Son.

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The Blessing

Presider May the path
 that Christ walks
 to bring justice
 upon the earth,
 to bring light
 to those who sit
 in darkness,
 to bring out those
 who live in bondage,
 to bring new things
 to all creation:

 may this path
 run through our life.
 May we be
 the road Christ takes.

~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

Sending Out into the World

Dismissal

Love wholeheartedly.
Live as you were created.
Be God's people in our fragmented world. **Amen.**

Another Road

*Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they left for their own country by another road.*

—Matthew 2.12

God, give me the courage of another road.
Give me the peace to accept new things,
to go new ways, to embrace the unfamiliar.
Give me the grace to be changed.
You who create each moment,
create me anew today.
Let each breath be a rebirth.
Be my star, and lead me.
Awaken me to your calling
and to my going.
I let go of my attachment to knowing the way
and my fear of not knowing.
Let me know nothing, and only listen,
depending entirely on you,
trusting that in all that changes
you are present, steadfast and devoted.
Walk with me, God, on this new road.

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News & Notes

January 3, 2021

For more information on St. Laurence and upcoming activities visit the parish website www.saintlaurence.ca

Coming in January, a book study series
based on

First Nations 101

by Lynda Gray, a member of the
Tsimshian Nation on the Northwest
Coast of B.C.



Her book is an easy to read primer that provides readers with a broad overview of the diverse and complex lives of First Nations people, and ultimately calls upon all of us to play active roles in bringing about true reconciliation between First Nations and non-First Nations people.

Please contact Sylvia (604 763-4486) or the office to purchase the book. Cost is \$20. The books are now available at the office.

The sessions will be bi weekly on Thursday evenings, 7:30-9 pm starting January 14 until the end of March. Issues and Actions also hopes to have some guest speakers join us this spring as we journey together in reconciliation.

