

Welcome to St. George's
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025
10:30 AM CELTIC EUCHARIST

A message from the Rector about our service.

For today and the next few Sundays you will notice that we are using a Celtic liturgy adapted from the Iona Community off the coast of Scotland. Celtic liturgy is a distinctive form of worship that developed in the early Christian church in the Celtic-speaking areas of Europe, particularly Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and parts of England. It is an ancient expression of our Anglican tradition filled with vibrant melodies, phrases, images, and language. Celtic liturgy emphasizes God's presence in creation and everyday life, the communal aspect of worship, and a deeply reverent approach to the sacraments. It is my hope that through our worship during this season of Epiphany, we may each experience our risen Lord in new and refreshing ways.

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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Church of the Province of West Africa
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Acting Primate and Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishops Susan and Colin; the people of St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie
- **St. Georges** – thanks for the Take Heart ministry, and its supporters, which began this week

ORDER OF SERVICE

Adapted from The Abbey Liturgy of the Iona Community, Argyll, Scotland

THE GATHERING

Opening Hymn: #9 Slithers of Gold

Children's Focus: The Rev. Victor Kischak

Opening Responses

Celebrant: We come in this service to God.

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

Celebrant: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus

All: And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

Celebrant: We come with our faith and with our doubts.

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

Celebrant: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come.

All: And God has promised never to turn away.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters,
not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
**All: We confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy upon you,
Pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah
For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10 (Choir)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; * you
give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life, * and
in your light we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favour to those who are true of heart.

Gradual Hymn: #437 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You (verses 1, 2, and 3)

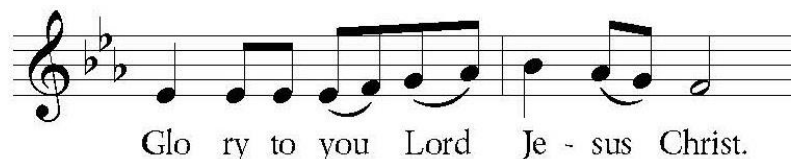
The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

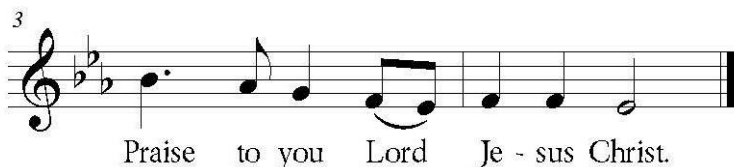
All:



Reader: On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All:



Gradual Hymn: #437 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You (verse 4)

Homily: The Rev. Victor Kischak

Choir Anthem: God Fashioned Love by Carol Muehlig.

God fashioned love and gave it as a gift
For each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might sift
As wheat from chaff to make an increase of the best,
That time and wind might have the rest.
God fashioned love and gave from heaven's store
For each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might pour
As wine from water by a miracle can pass,
That every hand might take the glass.
God fashioned love and gave it mankind's cast
For each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might last
As Christ is born in every child God gives,
So love, though yet all die, shall live.

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a cross.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and
his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loved us.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit...
(Especially, ...), give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died...
(Especially, ...), that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We bring before you our own prayers, both spoken and unspoken ...
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: #391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father

The Prayer Over the Gifts

All: Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, Gracious God, for you created all things. In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven. So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

Sanctus and Benedictus

(Hymn 732)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying
'This is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine,
and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying
'This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.'

So now following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this wine;
the ordinary things of the world through which God will bless us.
And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also celebrate God's goodness.

**All: Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.
Here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey
to nourish us as sons and daughters.
And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us and beside us,
we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine,
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining and making us whole,
and that we may be your body on earth,
loving and caring in the world.

All: Amen.

A Sign of Peace

Celebrant: Many grains were gathered together to make this bread.
Many grapes were mixed to make this wine.
So we who are many are one in Christ.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant: The Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

(Hymn 690)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Communion Hymn: #78 Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, He declared your love,
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life,
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

**All: Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So we and all your children shall be free,
And the whole earth live to praise your name.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the love of God fill you with joy and peace.
May the healing power of Christ strengthen and save you.
May the Holy Spirit encourage you.
May a thousand angels guide your steps.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All: and those that you should love,

Celebrant: now and forever.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #505 Be Thou My Vision

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Coldest Night of the Year

It's time to register to walk in the Coldest Night of the Year, taking place on **February 22** in support of Hope House. This will be our 3rd year participating in CNOY, and we want you to join us! There are two options this year: 2K walk starting at 1:00pm from John F Ross High School; 5K walk at 4:00pm from GCVI. To sign up, go to: <https://cnoy.org/location/guelph> and search for the St. George's teams. You can also email Laura Keller directly at thekellerkrew@gmail.com. You can donate to either team on their page! Help us help those who are hurting, hungry, and homeless by supporting our CNOY teams!

St. George's Book Club

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 21** at 7:00 pm in the Church Library and on Zoom. The book being discussed is *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Ann McGee: amcgee995@gmail.com.

Evensong Service

Join us for the next Evensong service on Sunday, **February 2** at 4 pm.

Diocesan Committee Opening

The Diocese of Niagara is currently seeking out new members for their Human Resource for Ministry Committee (HRfM). The committee acts as an advisory body that considers and provides advice to the bishop on human resources matters. Topics of interest for the committee can include compensation & benefits, classification, employee relations, recruitment, deployment, training, organizational development, succession planning, etc. Ideal members should have a solid understanding of parish workings, and a breadth of experience of human resource legislation and practices derived from employment and/or volunteer activities. A Certified Human Resources Leader (CHRL) or Professional (CHRP) designation is an asset. If this opportunity interests you, please reach out to Shannon MacKenzie, diocesan human resources & volunteer coordinator, for more information. She can be reached by email at shannon.mackenzie@niagaraanglican.ca or by email at 905-527-1316 x360. An information packet is available in the church office upon request.

2025 Giving Envelopes

In order to receive 2025 giving envelopes, please contact St. George's Bookkeeper, Tracy Jewel, and she will place them at the back of the church for pick up. Tracy can be contacted at bookkeeper@saintgeorge.ca.

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@ St. George's Church

Wednesdays from 11:00am-2:00pm
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beginning January 15, 2025

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A simple idea.

St. George's Church will be open for anyone who wants to enjoy some quiet time, unbothered, in the beauty of our church.

- enjoy the beautiful windows
- light a candle
- read
- knit
- contemplate
- have a minute to yourself

Come and go as you like. We look forward to welcoming you!

If you would like to support this ministry, we will require at least 2 volunteers to be in the church while it is open. Feel free to bring your own book/activity—we simply need your presence in case any visitors have questions. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are interested. If you have any questions, please speak to Laura Keller.

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