

We will, with God's help
living the baptised life

the Parish of St. Dunstan

On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord



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Welcome!

This is a diverse & safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist & welcome LGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the community.

W O R S H I P

We will, with God's Help!
Learning to live the baptized life.
Following the way of Jesus.
Together.

For Children

The **Nursery** is staffed & open for children ages 0 to 4.

There is **Sunday School** this morning for children ages 5 to 12.

Activity bags are available in the entry near the colouring table.

All our volunteers & staff have a criminal record check.

Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread & wine as a sign of our commitment to Christ & Christ's commitment to us.

There are **gluten-free wafers** for those who need it & **juice** for those who prefer.

Prayers for healing with the anointing of oil is offered beneath the cross during Communion. Please **light a candle** as a sign of your prayers.

Today's Scripture

Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett

Isaiah 60: *The return of the Jews from Exile is a sign to all nations to acknowledge the actions of a God who saves & restores.*

Ephesians 3: *Paul explains to the Ephesian Christians that his ministry is principally to the peoples of all cultures. It is also a faith that comes out of his Jewish heritage.*

Matthew 2: *The visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus is a story with universal imagery. The created universe & the world of intellectual wisdom & the knowledge pay homage to the Christ child.*

Sermon Notes

What is this thing called baptism?

Right up to Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday February 26th) we will explore this ancient practice and wonder how it affects us today.

Each week we will wonder about one of the six questions in the Baptismal Covenant found in the Book of Alternative Services on page 159. If you do not have a Book of Alternative Services – please take one! They are on the bottom shelves in our library. When you look at page 159 you will notice there are only five promises. The Anglican Church of Canada added a sixth. You can find it at Anglican.ca.

This week we wonder about the first baptismal covenant:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching & fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, & in the prayers?

We will, with God's help!

Weekly devotions are available on the welcome desk as well as on the website.

Gathering the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ☩ the love of God, ☩ the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. ☩ **also with you.**

Announcements

There is one body ☩ one Spirit, **there is one hope in God's call to us;**
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **one God ☩ Father of all.**

Awake, arise; O sing a new song of joy ☩ celebration.
A new day has come; bring praise to the Son of God, of God.

We three kings of orient are. Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field ☩ fountain, moor ☩ mountain, following yonder star.

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

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown him again.
King for ever, ceasing never; over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer ☩ praising, all are raising, worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise. King ☩ God ☩ sacrifice!
Alleluia, alleluia, heaven to earth replies

John Henry Hopkins Jr.

Let us pray.

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide ☩ sustain us, so that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

The Prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.**

Tom Tomaszek

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (3:1-12)

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

**Will you come ☞ see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star; it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

**Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal ☞ save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

**Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut ☞ bruised, ☞ the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

**Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest ☞ the least are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Brian Wren

May God be with you. ✨ **also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon ✨ the Apostle's Creed

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching ✨ fellowship, in the breaking of bread, ✨ in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ✨ **also with you.**

Please be seated as we collect our offering to God.

**Take my life, ✨ let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments ✨ my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, ✨ let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, ✨ let them be swift ✨ purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips, ✨ let them be filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, ✨ use every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, ✨ make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, ✨ I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

Blue Book, 435

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high ✨ low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, ✨ Spirit one.**

Holy Communion

May God be with you. ✠ **also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks ✠ praise.**

the Eucharistic Prayer continues to the Sanctus.

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!**

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora.
Mi corazon te sabe decir .Santo eres Dios!**

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
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Spanish Traditional

the Eucharistic prayer continues to the Lord's Prayer.

**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, ✠ deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, ✠
glory are yours now ✠ for ever. Amen.**

music: Gordon Light

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

These are the gifts of God for the children of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

**Here, Lord, we take the broken bread & drink the wine, believing
that by thy life our souls are fed, thy parting gifts receiving.** *Blue Book, 65*

**As thou hast given, so we would give ourselves for other's healing;
as thou hast lived, so we would live, the Father's love revealing.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless –
& we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in the one Lord.** *Blue Book, 73*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

**God says, "Be still so you may hear the words I whisper in your ear. If
you will listen, you will know I'm with you always where you go."**

**God says, "Look up & see the prize I've placed here right before your
eyes. Find beauty in the things of earth, a cause for wonder & rebirth.**

**God says, "Come here! I need your voice. Please teach my people to
rejoice. In who you are, in what you do, your life will show my love for
you.**

**God says, "Reach out! The World's in need & wants a word, a song, a
deed. I send you forth to speak, to sing, to act for Christ in everything.**

M. Bittner

**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 & in Christ Jesus, for ever & ever. Amen.**

Sending the Community

Blessing

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now
bring us, shine on me, shine on me**

**Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace & Mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, & let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your
radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me,
consume all my darkness, shine on me, shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your
story, shine on me, shine on me.**

Blue Book, 460

*Coffee & refreshments are served in the hall following the service.
Please visit the Information Table in the entry if you have any questions.*

Stewardship

*Have you considered signing up for **pre-
authorised debit (PAD)**? It is easy & a
good way to support the church even when
you cannot be present for a service. Please
connect with David or one of the other parish
leaders for more information.*



PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund

*For more information, please visit PWRDF.ORG.
There you can read all about the good work
it does, current areas of need & how you can
participate.*

WEEKLY EVENTS

Events marked with ☩ are through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

Men's Coffee
Wednesdays at 9am

Women's Coffee ☩ Crafts
Fridays at 10am

Community Meal
Thursdays at 6pm.

☩ **Lectio ☩ Labyrinth**
Fridays at noon.

☩ **Study Group**
Wednesdays at 7pm.
Liturgy 101: the pursuit of the Beautiful

☩ **Centering Prayer**
Wednesdays at 630pm
Fridays at 11:30am

St. Dunstan ☩ St. Andrew's Youth Group (ages 11+)
Fridays at 7pm. Call 778-987-0530 for location.

COMMUNITY CARE

Reconciliation *The priest is available to hear confession by appointment.*

Listening Prayer *Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Katherine Murray at katherine.murray22@gmail.com.*


Spiritual Direction *Trained Spiritual Directors are available. To arrange please email the office.*





Ride Sharing *If you need a ride, or can offer one, please let someone at the Information Booth know.*

Visiting *If you need a visit, please call the office to arrange. If you would like to become a pastoral visitor, please connect with the priest.*

Prayer Chain *If you wish someone to be remembered in our Prayer Chain Ministry, please email the office.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events marked with  are through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

-  **Interfaith Labyrinth Walk** *Sunday, January 12th at 2pm*
-  **Spiritual Practice Series** *Sunday, January 12th from 7 to 8:30pm*
The Anglican Rosary with Joe Baker
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program
- Messy Church** *Friday, January 17th from 4:30 to 6:30pm*
-  **A Healing Room** *Saturday, January 18 from 9am to 12pm*
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program
-  **Centering Prayer** *Tuesday, January 28th from 6:30 to 8:30pm*
Facilitated by Gene Fraser- More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program



ST DUNSTAN'S CENTRE FOR
**SPIRITUAL
RENEWAL**

The Centre for Spiritual Renewal is the name we give to our Adult Christian Formation programs at St. Dunstan's. Please pick up the most recent program guide & check our website regularly for more information on coming events.

Next Sunday: The Feast of the Baptism of Christ with the *Baptism of Nathan Sinclair*. Readings include: *The Prophet Isaiah 42:1-9, The Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17*



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