

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Epiphany is a word we take from Greek which literally means "to shine before". In the Church, we call this feast of Epiphany by another name as well: the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The word, and the feast, convey a sense of revelation, of discovery, of unmasking. We know that the one who is being revealed to us is Jesus, the baby in Bethlehem whose birth we have celebrated in this season of Christmas and who the Magi (learned men from the East) come to visit.

Each year, we mark this day with the reading of the story of the arrival of the wise men from Matthew. Have you ever noticed that there is no mention of how many wise men there were? We customarily assume there to be three since there were three gifts, but this does not necessarily mean there were only three visitors to Jesus' birthplace! How many of us, though, hear the words of the other lessons, particularly the one from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians? Like many of the readings from the Advent season, the reading from Isaiah is concerned with a vision of what God's kingdom will look like. Paul writes about the vision that he had and its remarkable and transformative effect on his life.

The significance of the visit of the Magi to Jesus is made manifest in Paul's letter: the gift of Jesus the Messiah is not confined to Jews alone but "the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel." We, you and I, my brothers and sisters, are the inheritors of the kingdom that Isaiah writes about, that Paul brags about, and that the birth of Jesus begins to bring about.

Although the church is already through the first two seasons of the year (Advent and Christmas), the calendar year has just begun. As we move into the season of Epiphany (lasting until Shrove Tuesday), the world around us is celebrating a "Happy New Year". Many people are making resolutions that they feel will make them better people. Although I do not for a moment think that this is all it's cracked up to be, I do wonder if we might think of some resolutions for ourselves as Christians and as a Christian community. As our annual meeting of Vestry approaches, might we not take some time to reflect on what significance this year's celebration of the revelation of Jesus holds for us?

What new directions might we as a parish decide to go? Like the Magi, who went home a different way than they came, are we prepared to change our direction if we feel that God is calling us there? Are we prepared to acknowledge that this baby, in whose name we have just gorged ourselves with food, family, fun, and gifts, might desire something else from us? That we are called to make Jesus (not ourselves or the world's ideals) the Lord of our lives?

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." May these words of Isaiah hold true for each of us and our parish as we move into the year 2010.

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

REGULAR SERVICES

All Saints', Tyendinaga

Sunday Celebration—8:30 a.m.

Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk

Sunday Celebration—10:30 a.m.

Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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Vision Statement

To be a Spirit-filled and life giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

Sunday 3 January 2010 The Epiphany of our Lord

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn	CP 118 (omit v 4, sing v 5a)
Apostolic Greeting	BAS 185
Collect for Purity	185
Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God)	
Collect of the Day	280

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	BAS 797



All na - tions shall serve him.

Second Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12
Gradual Hymn	CP 156
Alleluia	African Chant: Maraire
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12
Homily	
Prayers of the People	
Confession and Absolution	BAS 190
Peace	

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn	HFG 206
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We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and 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 forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising all men raising, worship him, God most high.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom:
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise, king and God and sacrifice;
alleluia, alleluia! Sounds thru the earth and skies!
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Prayer over the Gifts	
Eucharistic Prayer 3	BAS 198
Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy)	CP 732
Lord's Prayer	BAS 211
Breaking of the Bread 6	213
Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God)	CP 747
Communion	
Music: CP 158, 160	

*All baptised Christians are welcome to join in the Eucharistic feast. As you make your way forward for Communion, please take a moment to clean your hands with the sanitiser found at the front of the church. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that in the Anglican tradition, receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. **Please do not dip your bread into the wine.***

COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion	BAS 214
Blessing	
Closing Hymn	CP 139
Dismissal (words below)	BAS 215

***Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, alleluia!
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**CP—Common Praise (Blue)
SB—Song Book (Green or Blue Folder)
BAS—Book of Alternative Services (Green)**

We give thanks to God that we were able to worship together today! If you would like a visit or phone call from the Parish Priest please let anyone know who is listed on the back panel of the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's New Year's Tea—Today, 2-4 p.m. at the QAPC.

Annual Meeting of Vestry—Anyone who usually submits a report for Vestry is encouraged to start thinking about it and turn it in by Sun 17 Jan. Vestry will meet on Sun 21 Feb 2010.

Parish Council—Wed 13 Jan at 7 p.m. at the QAPC.

Parish Fun Night—Wed 20 Jan at 7 p.m. at the QAPC. Bring a game, a snack, and a friend! **Note:** Fun Night is now being held on the 3rd Wed

of the month.

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BIBLE TRIVIA



Last Week's Answer

Naphtali was the Jacob's second son by Bilhah (Genesis 30:8)

This Week's Question

Before the birth of his sons, who was to receive Abraham's inheritance?

Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion
The Anglican Church of Australia
The Most Rev'd Phillip John Aspinall, Primate

Diocese of Ontario
The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
Parish of St James, Kingston
The Rev'd Tim Vickery
The Rev'd Val Michaelson

Companions
St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam; the Revd Christopher Smith
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Revd Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga
Musicians
Families of: Billie & Doug Green, Chelsey & Cadence Green, Earl Green, Edith Green, Marc Green

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17 Lk 3:15-17, 21-22