

St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:

To be a Christ-centred, mission minded community, embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.



St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

Open minds and loving hearts All are Welcome

The Epiphany

January 2, 2022
10:30 am

FAMILY WORSHIP
BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

**The Anglican Church of Canada
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A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us.

Family Worship
Book of Alternative Services
Lay Minister: Margery Cotterell

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome to the Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland in the north end of Halifax. We are blessed as we gather together in community for worship.

Hymn: CP #159 - Brightest and Best

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Collect:

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.**

PROCLAMATION

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Psalms Response: **All nations shall serve him**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP #156 - The People That in Darkness Sat

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Danny Ray

Prayers of the People & Confession

Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, hear our prayer

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray to you for our Christian family and for grace to grow in your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, and bless our home and our life together. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

Silence for reflection is kept.

Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Fill our hearts, O God, with your Holy Spirit that we may go forth this day in peace and joy, serving you eagerly in all we do, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord Be always with you.

And also with you

Offertory Hymn: CP #155

From East to West, from Shore to Shore

Prayer over the Gifts:

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Remembrance & Memorials

For all those who have gone before us we give you thanks.

For the financial offering of your people for the work of your church, we give you thanks. For the service of your people in workplaces, community organizations and our faith community, we give you thanks. For all your gifts O Lord, we give you thanks.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
May your kingdom come
May your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive others**

**And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For the kingdom And the power And the glory are yours
forever. Amen**

Blessings - Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing, mercy, and grace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

Birthday Prayers for the month of January. God our Father, the birth of your Son Jesus Christ brought great joy to Mary and Joseph. We give thanks to you for those, whose birthday we celebrate this month. May they ever grow in your faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anniversary Prayers for the month of November. Gracious God, on these special days we remember with thanksgiving our vows of love and commitment to you and to each other in marriage. We pray for your continued blessing. May we learn from both our joys and sorrows, and discover new riches in our life together in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Announcements

Hymn: CP #160 - As With Gladness Men of Old

Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for next week: The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,
21-22.

Church Calendars are still available at \$8.00. Please call
Susan Crouse at 902 477-5197 if you would like one & I will
arrange delivery.

Pastoral Care

Cycle of Prayer for the North End Churches, we pray for
all the churches in the North End as we navigate these
uncertain times.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: As we come to the first
Sunday of the New Year, we say special prayers for our
Bishops and their families of our Diocese:

The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe, 17th Bishop of the
Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

For Retired Archbishop Ron, and Marianne
For Retired Archbishop Arthur, and Elizabeth
For Retired Bishop Sue, and Bruce

World In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:
The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

Memorials

A memorial gift of Wine & Host Given in memory of father
Solomon King from Morgan & Jackie King



Epiphany Readings:

First Reading 60:1-6

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.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

REFRAIN **All nations shall serve him.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to
the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and
the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity
to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue
the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the
sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He
shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers
that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no
more. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the
kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down
before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall
deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed
who has no helper. **R**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

Second Reading EPHESIANS 3:1-12

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel MATTHEW 2:1-12

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

In the time of King 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.