

Sunday, January 3, 2021 Epiphany 11:00 AM



## ORDER OF SERVICE

#### **PRELUDE**

"Praeludium in C Major"

J.C. Kellner Stephen Boda, organ

#### **OPENING HYMN**

No. 327 "All Praise to Thee"

Sine Nomine

All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine: hallelujah; hallelujah!!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought, and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: hallelujah; hallelujah!!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a servant that we might be free, humbling thyself to death on Calvary: hallelujah; hallelujah!!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now, and given the name to which all knees shall bow: hallelujah; hallelujah!!

Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord; and God eternal be by all adored: hallelujah; hallelujah!!

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: In this season of Epiphany, we have come to praise God who has

done great things among us.

All: We know by the leading of a star, wise men came from the East to worship Him, who is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Minister: We rejoice in God's great gift of love in the Christ Child, whose

brilliance overpowers the darkness that surrounds us in these

complex times.

All: We arise and shine, for our light has come to strengthen us

for all that lies ahead in this New Year.

Minister: Let us obey the Spirit's call and show forth the glory of the Lord.

Amen!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear. When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind. When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part. When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way. Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, through the light that lingers when all else fails, even the bright Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6;

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.

#### **ANTHEM**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

arr. Hayes

Dan Bevan Baker, Elaine Choi

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

#### **SERMON**

## The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "A Live, Light Streaming"

#### **ANTHEM**

"Come with Hearts and Voices Sounding"

Bach arr. Scott Carrie Loring, Elaine Choi

Come with hearts and voices sounding, raise to God a hymn resounding. He alone rules over all, let us now before him fall. Oh be joyful and enter with singing ever praise him with voices singing. Alleluia, Alleluia,

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Go, Tell It

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. [Refrain]

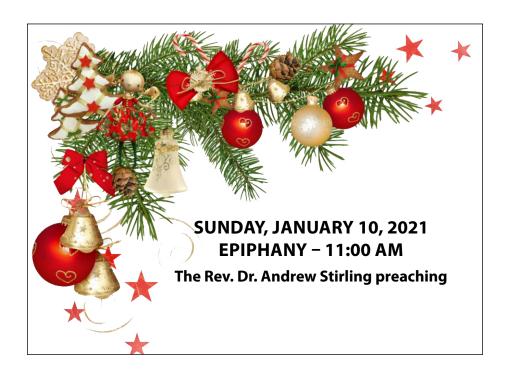
Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

"In Thee is Gladness"

J.S. Bach Stephen Boda, organ



### VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME

Back by popular demand on Sunday mornings at 10 am.

This is a casual time of connection and conversation with friends, old and new. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (Jan 10 & 24, Feb 14 & 28)

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### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study Group. Next study: TIMELESS TIDINGS, by Rev. John White BEGINS TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021

"Timeless Tidings" tells the story of the Christian faith from New Testament to modern times. We meet in fellowship and faith to learn and grow in what it means to be God's people, in our own lives and for God's world today.

We Meet Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Join us on Zoom, in the comfort of your own home, even on winter days! Everyone Welcome. For more information, and to get the Zoom link, please contact Sue Musselman at suemusselman44@gmail.com or Rev Lorraine Diaz at 416-925-8494 ext 222 E-mail lorrainediaz@temc.ca.

## **PASTORAL CARE CONVERSATION**

These are difficult days that are filled for many with the stresses and strains of the unknown. Some have found a confidential personal conversation about what is happening around them and in them helpful. Please feel free to call Rev. Chris Miller at 416-925-8494, ext. 247 or email him at chrismiller@temc.ca. He would be very glad to talk with you.

# READING WITH REV. LORI THE LONDON RESTORATION BY RACHEL MCMILLAN

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an Historical Romance! Diana Foyle and Brent Somerville married in London as the bombs of World War II dropped on their beloved city. Without time for a honeymoon, the couple spent the next four years apart.

Diana, an architectural historian, took a top-secret intelligence post at Bletchley Park. Brent, a professor of theology at King's College, believed his wife was working for the Foreign Office as a translator when he was injured in an attack on the European front.

Now that the war is over, the Somervilles' long-anticipated reunion is strained by everything they cannot speak of.

Author Rachel McMillan is part of the TEMC congregation and will be with us for this discussion! Join us Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Please register to be notified when the location is confirmed: <a href="https://temc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/633377">https://temc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/633377</a>

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