

Sunday January 2 at 10:00 am
The Feast of the Epiphany
St. Mary's la Prairie
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We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here

The community is called to attend to the presence of God by a tone from the sounding bowl.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider Blessed are you Son of David;
born to rule,
you received gifts from the magi.
Blessed are you, Son of Man;
baptized by John,
you saved us from ourselves.
Blessed are you, heavenly King;
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,
you proclaimed the kingdom.

People **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Presider With all the voices of heaven
we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

People **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Presider With all the creatures on earth
we sing and dance at his birth.

People **Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.**

The Collect

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

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 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.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 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.’”

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the
exact time when the star had appeared. 8 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.” 9 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. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 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. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Prayers of the People

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We pray as pilgrims, “Lead us to your presence, **“let us see your glory.**

Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through us that we might lead many to the knowledge and love of you. Lead us into your presence;

Let us see your glory.

Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor and thwart all the ways of oppression. Lead us into your presence;

Let us see your glory.

The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage. Lead us into your presence;

Let us see your glory.

Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all those in need especially: George, Bill Human, Jane Human, Jackson and Jason. Lead us into your presence;

Let us see your glory.

Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence; you have shown us your glory. Grant us, that we might at last, see you face to face. Lead us into your presence;

Let us see your glory.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray:

God of abundance,
we bring before you
the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All 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 and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May the God of infinite goodness
scatter the darkness of sin
and brighten your hearts with holiness;
and the blessing of God
Source of all being,
eternal Word and Holy Spirit
be amongst you and
remain with you and those you love
now and always. Amen

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

A note on the prayer list

We will once more be including our prayer list. If there is someone on the list who should be removed please let me know. Likewise if you would like to add a name to the list please let me know. We will include five names from the list in our intercession each Sunday.

Prayer List

Bev Braden, Brad, Bob Calder, Erik, Jan and family, Jason, Jane, Jocelyn, Julia, Kelsey, Myrtle Kenny, Anne Clairmont, Mason Clairmont, Vickie Donald, Linda Downing, Elaine, Gerald, Glenn, George, Bill Human, Jane Human, Jackson, Jason, Jane, Jess & Kelsey, Jocelyn, Joe, Julia, Kirby, Lynne, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, Maureen, Mavis, Michael Logan, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, Clive Morgan, Nori, Donna Pacholuk, Colten Pratt, Don Reid, Marcel Ricard, Rick, Marilyn Roteliuk, Jamie and Tryli Shorting, Scott, Eva Shewchuk, Sharon Skoropata, John Stairs, Bev Towle, Tammy and David and family, Mary Wildfang, Vicki

The Thrift Shop will be closed until January 11

2021 DONATIONS: donations for 2020 must be dated no later than **December 31, 2021** but they will be gratefully accepted up to **January 9, 2021**.



Walk For St. Mary's

With “normal” fundraising difficult to achieve during the covid pandemic, Alan and I were thinking of ways to do this without it involving groups of people gathering together.

What better way, than the two of us walking!

In 2021, we took up the challenge to each walk 1,000 miles, something we really didn't imagine we could achieve, but to our surprise, we actually did!

So, there was a project for fundraising.

We decided to invite anyone from St. Mary's who is able, to sponsor us to walk another 1,000 miles in 2022. Every dollar raised helps to pay the bills at St. Mary's.

We will keep you updated with the miles walked every month.
Here's hoping that we can raise some much needed revenue.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy 2022.
Mary Marsh.

If you are interested please see the pledge sheet below or they can be picked up from the Church office.

2022 Walk for St. Mary's Pledge Form

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!
Isaiah 2:1-5

As you may have read in our Fall Newsletter, both Alan and Mary Marsh decided to walk a 1000 miles in 2021. In 2022 they are planning to take up the challenge again, only this time they would like to dedicate their efforts to St. Mary's.

Alan and Mary would like to invite you to sponsor their walks with a financial donation to St. Mary's. You can pledge a certain amount per mile or weekly, monthly, quarterly or at the end of the walk. However you decide to do this or whatever the amount your pledge is most welcome.

We would like to thank Alan and Mary for remembering St. Mary's after their move to Brandon. Fun fact, the trip from Brandon the Marsh's new home, to Portage la Prairie and back to Brandon is approximately 150 miles. So Alan and Mary will be doing that the equivalent of 6.67 times by the time they have completed their distance.

We will provide you with monthly updates on how their walk is going.
If you would like to let us know what your pledge is you could use the form below. As you make your donation(s) they should be clearly marked **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/We would like to pledge _____ per mile

Alternately:

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/We would like to pledge _____ per week.

or

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's**.

I/We would like to pledge _____ per month.

or

I/ We _____ would like to sponsor the **2022 Walk for St. Mary's.**

I/We would like to pledge _____ at the conclusion of the walk.

All donors will receive a tax receipt.

You may like to add the following prayer to your personal prayers

God of all creation, we pray that you would surround Alan and Mary with your protection as they undertake this walk. We give thanks for their dedication and the dedication of all those sponsoring this endeavour. We pray for your blessing on this project and ask that you guide it to a successful conclusion. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.