

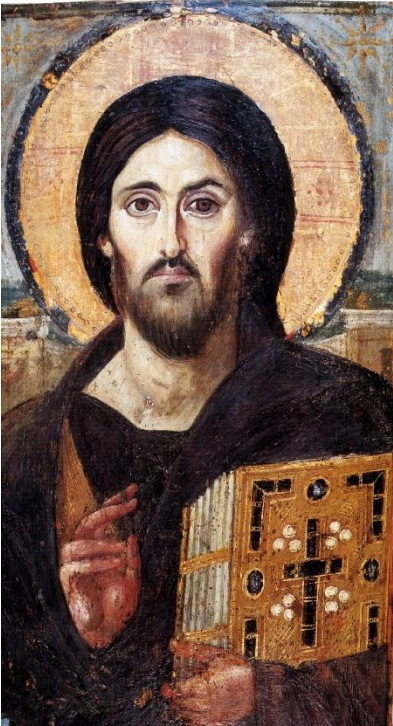
EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

November 24 - 30, 2023

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Reign of Christ Sunday



WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 2023 ~

8:30am – Traditional Said Service of Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am – Main Worship Service with music and Holy Eucharist.

READINGS FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

SUMMARY OF READINGS: The Season After Pentecost concludes with the festival of Christ the King. In this respect, this Sunday anticipates Epiphany, which also celebrates the lordship of Christ. The dramatic vision of Christ coming to reign on his glorious throne governs all the biblical passages for this Sunday. The subtheme of Christ as shepherd separating sheep and goats makes the story from Ezekiel an appropriate companion passage. The 100th psalm sounds the note of God's universal glory. The portion of the letter to the ancient church in Ephesus concludes by exalting Christ to universal dominion.

QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION: How would it change you to see the face of Christ in every stranger you meet?

AT HOME PRAYERS

Morning - God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

Evening – Holy God, thank you for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in the love of Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



COVID CASES ARE ON THE RISE IN GREATER SUDBURY. Please be mindful of not only your health, safety and well-being but also that of others. If you are not feeling well, or have any ill symptoms such as coughing, fever, fatigue, or a sore throat, please stay home and join us for the worship services that will be offered online. We are delighted to welcome you online if you are not able to join us in person.



REV. ELIZABETH'S "DROP IN" OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26th:

On Tuesday November 28th, Rev. Elizabeth will be attending the Clergy Quiet Day for our Deanery.

Wednesday November 29th – 11am-1pm. Thursday November 30th – 10am-1pm

Please be reminded that if you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, please email her at greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com or leave a telephone message for her at the church office. Thank You

Returning to the Communion Rail



RETURNING THE COMMUNION RAIL: Some members of our 10:30am congregation have expressed their desire for returning to the Communion Rail at the time of Communion. While some people prefer to stand when receiving the sacrament, others prefer to kneel. Either way is fine and perfectly acceptable. With the start of a new Church Year, marked by the First Sunday in the Season of Advent, our 10:30am congregation will renew the traditional practice of receiving Holy Communion at the Communion Rail, beginning Sunday December 3rd.



FAIRTRADE ORGANIC COFFEE: a new shipment has just arrived. Coffees come from Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Guatemala, Ethiopia in bean or ground form and the producers a fairly paid. The cost for most is \$17 for a pound. All profit goes to our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

Bags of coffee will be available on Sunday after the 10:30 service.



THE EPIPHANY IS IN NEED OF YOUR LOVING HEARTS AND HELPFUL HANDS: Volunteers are needed for many hospitality ministries:



Coffee Hour Hosts: Hosting coffee hour on Sunday morning following our 10:30 service includes preparing and serving coffee, tea and water/juice etc. and putting the dirty dishes in the dishwasher afterwards.

Coffee Hour Bakers: Maybe you're unable to host coffee hour, but would like to

contribute snacks or sweets etc. That's an option too.

Soup and Sandwich Makers for Lunch & Learn: The Outreach team will continue to host Lunch & Learn sessions in the New Year. If you'd like to make a pot of soup, or a loaf of sandwiches for the Lunch, that would be appreciated. If you are unable to make soup but may be willing to purchase the ingredients, we have a volunteer chef ready to cook for you.

Greeters & Sidespeople: We also need to add to our roster of Greeters & Sidespeople. Our Greeters are the first face people see when they arrive at Epiphany. Greeters welcome them, direct them to the cloakroom, washroom etc. Our Sidespeople hand people a hymnbook when they enter the church, take up the offering and direct everyone to the Altar for Communion. They also count the number of people in attendance, and put away all the hymnbooks following the service.

If you're interested in taking on any of these roles, please speak to Terry Kett.



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY: will take place on Sunday, December 3, the first Sunday of Advent. Traditionally, we have used this Sunday to provide gifts for the Christmas bags for the youth at Sudbury Action Centre, many of whom look forward to these bags as their only Christmas gift. If you find it difficult to get out to shop, a cash contribution will help us fill them. (Please note, any amount donated is not receipted as we are just helping you with your shopping.) Currently, there are more bags to be filled for males than for females.

White Gift Sunday



Suggestions include:

❄ warm mitts, hats, socks (adult size)

❄ hand warmers

❄ scarves

❄ pens, little notebooks ❄ underwear (all sizes, Briefs or Boxer briefs for the guys and bikini, high waisted or boy shorts for the ladies) ❄ deodorant, toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, - small size shampoo etc.) ❄ individually wrapped treats like granola bars, Dad's cookies, leftover Hallowe'en treats, Christmas candies.

(Please note: **NO** Mouthwash or hand sanitizer)

Your help is hugely appreciated by the staff and youth at Sudbury Action Centre.
If you have any questions please contact Mary at emer79@hotmail.com



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY:

This Season of Advent will seem shorter this year due to the fact that the Fourth Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve, both fall of Sunday December 24th.

Please note our Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule. Further details will be provided in next week's ETW.

Sunday December 24th : Worship Celebration for the Fourth Sunday in Advent – 10:30am. (There will not be an 8:30am service).

Worship Celebrations for Christmas Eve – 5pm (informal worship) and 9pm (traditional Christmas Eve service).

Monday December 25th : Worship in Celebration of the Birth of Jesus on Christmas Morning – 10:30am.

All Are Welcome!



A NOTE FROM REVEREND ELIZABETH

Dear Friends in Christ,

The God we celebrate is a God of wondrous hope, a God full of creative, life-giving surprises. God has surprised us! We did not see this one coming. Three weeks ago, while we were in North Bay, my husband Kevin and I agreed to adopt a puppy. Last Sunday we brought our boy home. Everything is going amazingly well so far. And I am filled to the brim with joyful anticipation of all the walks we will take on the trails, through our neighbourhood, through the parks, and even through downtown Sudbury. We also look forward to having Pally with us when we go swimming, canoeing, camping, and all other things that we love to do, and that will now include our new, sweet boy. Our puppy's name is Pally.

Pal-ly, by definition, means "having a close, friendly relationship." And although he doesn't know it yet, Pally will also grow to be an excellent Church Dog. He will be a *Pastor's Pally*. Pally is all of 9 weeks old; he's just a baby. When he gets to be a bit older and more settled, I am sure Pally will love to meet some of his church family at Epiphany; but for now, I am grateful beyond words to have this bundle of joy become part of our family.

It is my hope and prayer that our little 'good news' story will be a happy reminder for everyone, that even in the most troubling times that we face in our world, God IS a God of surprises - blessings that come to bring us hope, peace, joy and love. To God be the Glory. Thanks be to God.

Yours Faithfully,
from Rev. Elizabeth and her puppy, Pally (*woof*)



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LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Ruth and Reg Amyot; Carol Bohren; Bill Heathcote; Nancy Cresswell; Sandra Mark; Beaumont Nelson; Phyllis Griffith.

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Dorothy; William; Jean; Pat; Nick and Ellen; John and Judith; Karen and Corrine; Della and Sandra; Frances; Monique.

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The Church of the Ascension, ready for the Taizé service a few weeks ago.

Photo by Archbishop Anne

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Watch us LIVE on Sunday Mornings at www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services

Announcements for ETW should be sent to etw@epiphanysudbury.org by NOON each Thursday.