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## Epiphany of the Lord



The Church of Scotland

# WELCOME



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*Auditoire de Calvin, January 4 2026*

*Feast of the Epiphany*

**We stand to sing as we are able. After the doxology, we remain standing for the prayer of dedication. After the final hymn, we remain standing for the benediction and threefold Amen.**

## **Prelude**

**Introit** *Wise men, they came to look for wisdom* (CH4 328)

**Welcome GWA 42** *God welcomes all*

**CH4 295** *Who would think that what was needed*

## **Opening Prayers**

**Collect** (said by all)

**Shepherd of Israel**

**and Light of all Nations,**

**made known in the gifts**

**of those who call to other names**

**and walk on different ways**

**may unjust powers**

**and the hatred within us**

**be dismayed by your friendship**

**and dethroned by your love;**

**through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. Amen.**

## **Old Testament** *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 in 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.

### **All-age talk**

**CH4 310** *See him lying in a bed of straw*

### **Gospel** *Matthew 2.1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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.

**CH4 326** *As with gladness men of old*

### **Sermon**

### **The Apostles’ Creed** (said by all)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**CH4 261** *Father Eternal, ruler of creation*  
**Offering music**

**Doxology**

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth;  
praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
praise God the Spirit, holy flame  
all glory, honour to God's name. Amen.*

Ruth C Duck (b. 1947). CH4 809

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession**

**CH4 48** *His large and great dominion shall*  
**Benediction and threefold Amen**  
**Postlude**

*Join us in the Salle Théodore de Bèze for  
refreshments after the service!*

*Worship leader* Scott McCarthy  
*Welcoming elder* Rosaleen Walker  
*Ushers* Robert Walker  
*Readers* Páraic Réamonn, Mary Quément  
*Piano* Oleg Pustynnikov  
*Choir* Páraic Réamonn  
*Coffee & tea* Rosemary Hill, Chris Sutton

**January 4** Communion Sunday

Collection in aid of *Partage*, the Geneva food bank: [partage.ch/en/](http://partage.ch/en/). After the service, taking down the Christmas tree

**January 11** Sunday School resumes!

**Monday January 12, 19h30** An epilogue to the International Presbytery Advent Bible studies  
Zoom link [ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk](https://ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**Wednesday January 21, 19h30** Ecumenical service for the week of prayer for Christian unity, Holy Trinity church

**Friday January 23, 19h, Scots Kirk, Lausanne**  
Service of linking of our Geneva and Lausanne congregations and introduction of the Rev Dr Enikő Ferenczy as our new minister. If you need a lift, or can offer a lift, please let us know [churchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com](mailto:churchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com)



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