

Edinburgh New Town Church of Scotland

5th January 2025

Order of Service

'Epiphany'



Rio de Janeiro Magi

Welcome

Call to Worship

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

Darkness has been banished!

God's light of hope has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

God's light comes to us all.

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. AMEN.

CH4 127 O worship the King, all glorious above

Opening Prayer, Collect and Lord's Prayer

Collect

Eternal God, by a star you 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.

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

CH4 326 As with gladness men of old

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

God Welcomes All 106 God incarnate, living presence

Sermon 'Epiphany Now'

CH4 323 The first Nowell the angel did say

Prayers of the People

CH4 286 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Sending and blessing

Sending music

Worship Leader: Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Scripture Reader: Lawrence Marshall

Prayers of the people: Mary Scott

Organist/pianist: Jamie Turnbull

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