



Saturday, 6 January 2024 – 10.00 am Solemn Mass (livestreamed)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude

Star Fantasy, Kristina Arakelyan

The Procession

Please stand when the bell is rung.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

ADESTE FIDELES
Irregular

Melody probably by J. F. Wade 1711–86
Descant version by David Willcocks b 1919



Latin 18th century
Tr FREDERICK OAKELEY 1802–80
and others

O COME, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- 2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
- 3* Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our heart's oblations:
- 4* Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
- 5 Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:

Station at the Crèche

Celebrant: The Lord hath manifested forth his glory.

People: **And all the peoples shall bow before him.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, who enlighteneth all nations: Grant that thy people may enjoy perpetual peace; and pour into our hearts that radiant light which thou didst shed into the minds of the magi; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Introit

Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler, and in his hand the kingdom, and power, and dominion.

Kyrie eleison Missa brevis IV (Corde Natus), Healey Willan

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis MISSA DE ANGELIS (The choir sings the text in italics.)

Full

Gló-ry be to Gód on high, And in éarth péace, good-will to-wálds all.
We práise thee. We bléss thee. We wór-ship thee. We gló-ri-fy thee.
We give thánks to thee for thy great gló-ry. O Lórd Gód, héa-ven-ly Kíng,
Gód the Fá-ther Al-mígh-ty. O Lórd, the ón-ly be-got-ten Són,
Jé-su Chríst. O Lórd Gód Lámb of Gód, Són of the Fá-ther.
That tá-kest a-wáy the sín of the wórld, have mér-cy up-ón us.
Thou that tá-kest a-wáy the sín of the wórld, re-ceíve our práyer.
Thou that sít-test at the ríght hánd of Gód the Fá-ther, have mér-cy up-ón us.
For thou ón-ly art hó-ly. Thou ón-ly art the Lórd.
Thou on-ly, O Je-su Chríst, with the Hó-ly Ghóst, art most hígh
in the gló-ry of Gód the Fá-ther. A men.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly pilgrimage, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

First 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

*All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense, and shall show forth the praises of the Lord.
Arise and shine, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

Second 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia. We have seen his star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Please stand.

Hymn 11 STELLA ORIENTIS (*Blue SMM Book*)

STELLA ORIENTIS

Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our

dark - ness and lend us your aid; Star of the East, the ho -

ri - zon ad - orn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

2. Cold on his cradle the dew-drops
are shining,
Low lies his head with beasts of the stall
Angels adore him in slumber reclining
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.
3. Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls
of the ocean
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure
Richer by far is the heart's adoration
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
5. Brightest and best of the stars of the
morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid
Star of the East, the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospel Reading 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, 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." 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 wise men 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 at its rising, 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

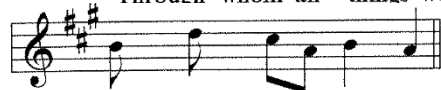
The Nicene Creed MISSA DE ANGELIS



I be-lieve in óne Gód, the Fá-ther Al-mígh-ty, Má-ker of héa-ven and eárrh,
and of áll thínigs ví - si-ble, and in-ví - si-ble. And in óne Lórd Jé-sus Chríst,
the ón - ly be - gót - ten Són of Gód. Be - gót - ten of the Fá - ther
be-fóre all wórlds. Gód of Gód, Líght of Líght, Vé-ry Gód of vé - ry Gód.
Be - gót - ten, not máde, Bé-ing of óne súb - stance with the Fá - ther:



Through whóm áll thínks were máde. Who for ús all, and for oúr sal-vá-tion,



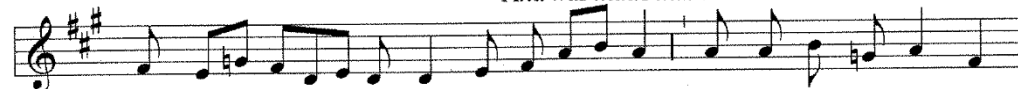
came dówn from heá-ven,

Choir:

And was incarnate by the Holy

Ghost of the Virgin Mary:

And was made man.



And was crú-ci-fied ál-so for ús: un-der Pón-tius Pí-late.



He súf-fer-ed, and was bú-ri-ed, And the thír-d dáy he róse a-gáin,



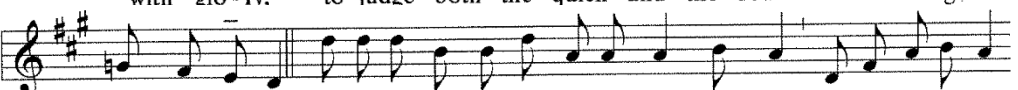
ac-córd-ing to the Scríp-tures. And as-cénd-ed in-to heá-ven:



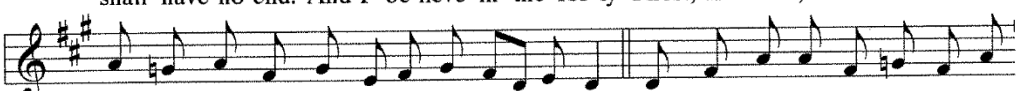
And sít-teth on the ríght hánd of the Fá-ther. And hé shall cóme a-gáin



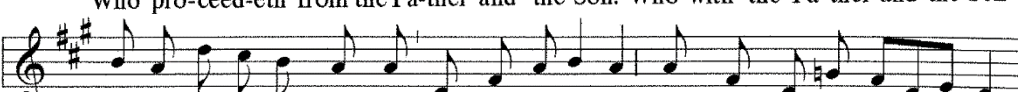
with gló-ry. to júdge both the quíck and the déad: Whose kíng-dom



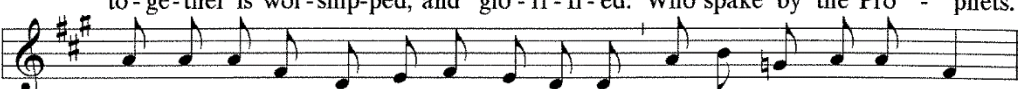
shall háve no énd. And I be-líeve in the Hó-ly Ghóst, the Lórd, the Gí-ver of life:



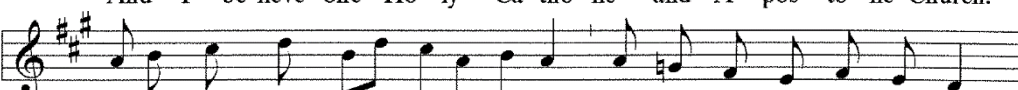
Who pro-céed-eth from the Fá-ther and the Són. Who with the Fá-ther and the Són



to-gé-ther is wór-ship-ped, and gló-ri-fi-ed: Who spáke by the Pró-phets.



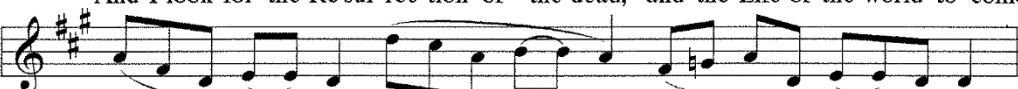
And I be-líeve one Hó-ly Cá-tho-lic and A-pos-tó-lic Chúr-ch.



I ac-knów-ledge óne Báp-tísm for the re-mís-sion of síns.



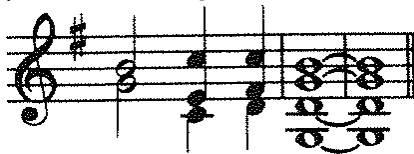
And I lóok for the Re-sur-réc-tion of the dead, and the Life of the wórld to cóme.



A

men.

Prayers of the People



All Lord, hear our prayer.

The Peace



Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts; all the kings of the earth shall fall down before him, and all the nations shall do him service.

Motet *The Three Kings, Healey Willan*

"Who knocks tonight so late?" the weary porter said. Three kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head. The serving man bowed down, the Inn was full, he knew. Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you." A light in the manger lit; there lay the Mother meek. This place is fit. Here is the rest we seek. Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings, so stood they all unshod. "Come in, come in, ye kings, and kiss the feet of God."

Please stand when the thurifer turns to cense the congregation.

Celebrant: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this, my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

People: **The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy name, to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to look upon the gifts of thy Church, wherein we no longer offer gold and frankincense and myrrh but our hearts in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: *People:*

The Lórd be with you. And with thy spí - rit.

Lift up your héarts. We lift them úp un - to the Lórd.

Lét us give thanks un - to our Lórd God. It is méet and ríght só to dó.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying,

At the sound of the bells, please kneel or remain standing.

Sanctus *Missa brevis IV (Corde Natus), Healey Willan*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

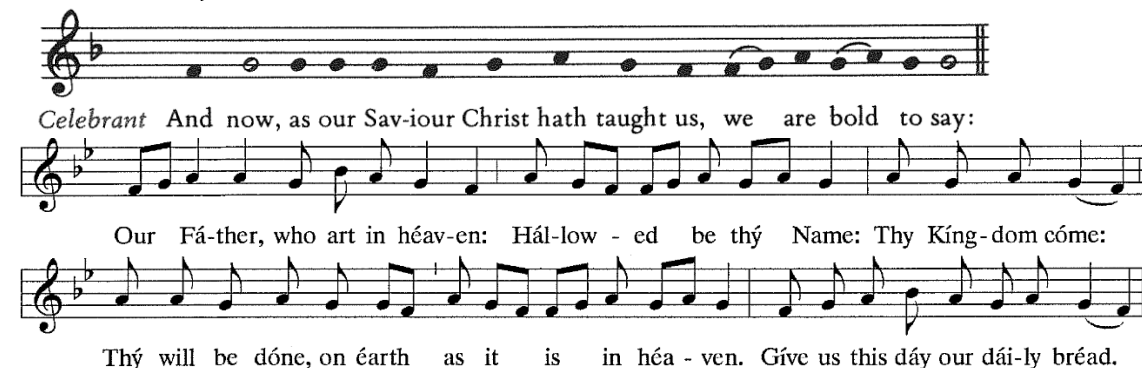
Celebrant: Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

People: **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

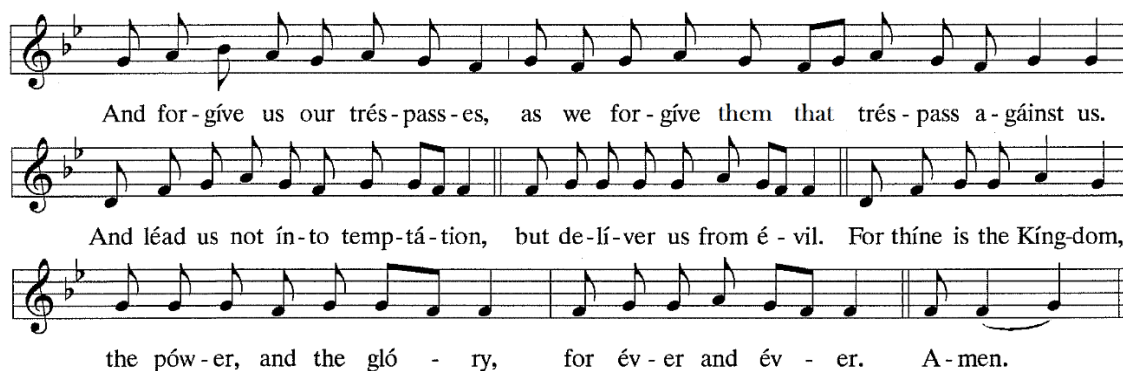
The Lord's Prayer



Celebrant And now, as our Sav-iour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Fá-ther, who art in héav-en: Hál-low - ed be thý Name: Thy Kíng-dom cóme:

Thý will be dóne, on éarth as it is in héa - ven. Gíve us this dáy our dái-ly bréad.



And for-gíve us our tré-s-pass-es, as we for-gíve them that tré-s-pass a-gáinst us.

And léad us not ín-to temp-tá-tion, but de-lí-ver us from é-vil. For thíne is the Kíng-dom,

the pów-er, and the gló-ry, for év-er and év-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei *Missa brevis IV (Corde Natus), Healey Willan*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

*At this time you are invited to come up to communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople. If you would prefer to make a spiritual communion, please remain in your pew. We invite you to use the following words as inspiration: **My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

Communion Sentence

We have seen his star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord. (Following the Communion Sentence, the Ritual Choir sings verses from Psalm 72)

The Sending Forth of the Community

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand.

Prevent us, O Lord, at all times and in all places, with thy celestial light, that we may behold with a pure mind and receive with a godly love the great mystery in which thou hast willed us to share; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

During the hymn the congregation is invited to follow the sanctuary party to the back of the church for the blessing of the chalk.

Hymn 36 THE FIRST NOWELL (Green New English Hymnal)

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular English third mode melody



THE first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night: } *Sopranos & Altos*

3 And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went: } *Tenors & Basses*

4 This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay: } *Sopranos & Altos*

5 Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense: } *Tenors & Basses*

6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

TRADITIONAL

Blessing of Chalk

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, thou hast revealed thine only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this chalk, that all who use it to invoke thy blessing on their homes may know the gift of thy presence through the coming year, and that they may with abundant generosity share thy gift of hospitality to all who visit them. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

The door of the Church is chalked with 20+C+M+B+24.

The Epiphany Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who led the magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-Begotten at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out that same Spirit upon you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, by the power which turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**



Postlude *Alleluia (Vidimus Stellam), Victor Togni*

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Celebrant & Homilist Father Eric Beresford

Deacon Father Jake Cunliffe

Subdeacon Mark Stenabaugh

Interim Director of Music David Simon

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We wish to acknowledge this land on which the Church of St Mary Magdalene stands. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, the Anishinaabe, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. This land is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, and the Two Row Wampum Belt. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to care for the plants and creatures provided by the Creator, and to live and worship on this land. *(Compiled by Jo-Ann Dawson and Richard Woolrich)*