

*The space is arranged facing front where there are lit candles and icons with a central isle. Some cushions are placed on the floor for those who wish to sit. We will need a step ladder so that Bill can write above the door. The piano and the schola will be placed on the north east side of the chapel.*

**Gathering Music:**

VU 91      The First Nowell

VU 94      Lovely Star in the Sky

**Welcome:** Becca and Rhiannon

*Becca welcomes new students and semester and introduces worship team, concluding with today's coordinator Rhiannon. Rhiannon asks for announcements. She then gives a brief explanation of Taizé and the importance of silence and music.*

**Territorial Acknowledgement:** Rhiannon

*a candle is lit (Rhiannon)*

As we gather together today, we take time and space to acknowledge this sacred land on which the university of Toronto operates. It has been the site of human activity for 15 000 years. This land has sustained life for many peoples in this time: the Huron-Wendat, the Petun, the Seneca, and the Missisaugas of the Credit River. It continues to sustain these peoples, and many others, including us. We are grateful for the land's provision, and recognize in ourselves the same call to promote life's flourishing for all of Creation.

**Opening hymn: VU 79 "Arise, Your Light is Come"**

*During the hymn Becca moves to stand at the door. (Need step ladder)*

*Morgan to assist*

*Everyone is invited to stand and turn to face the door.*

**An Epiphany Rite: Chalking the Door: Becca**

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**All: and the glory of God has risen among you.**

One: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Loving God, in your child Jesus Christ you clothed yourself with human flesh and revealed to us the holiness of all of your creation. Bless this chalk, and grant that we who mark the doorways of our households, on this Feast of the Epiphany, may welcome all people with a blessed hospitality; we ask this in the name of the One who came to share your reign of compassion and justice.

**All: Amen.**

### **Litany of Blessing**

One: May God give blessing

**All: to this place and all who enter here.**

One: May all who gather here give blessing

**All: to this place and all who enter here.**

One: Both crest and frame.

**All: Both stone and beam.**

One: Both window and timber.

**All: Both foot and head.**

One: Both gate and door.

**All: Both coming and going.**

One: Both young and old.

**All: Both wisdom and youth.**

One: Both guest and host.

**All: Both stranger and friend.**

One: God of all glory, by your guidance you led the Magi to Bethlehem by a star. As Mary and Joseph treasured the precious gifts which the travelers offered, may we welcome the gifts of all who gather here with warmth and friendship.

**All: Amen.**

One: May God watch over our coming in and our going out

**All: from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.**



*The doorway is marked with chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 19  
(The year: 20+18. The Magj: Caspar, Melchoir, Balthazar.  
The blessing (+): Christe, Mansionem Benedica—O Christ, bless this  
house).*

*Blessed chalk is distributed to all for the blessing of their households  
with some words of explanation from Becca.*

*Taizé prayers continue...*

**An Epiphany Prayer: VU 80** (Gail Ramshaw) *read by Becca*

**In unison: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: With the  
appearance of your Son you have brought us into your new creation.  
Form us into your people and order our lives in you; through  
Christ, the living One, Amen**

**Song: SP 48 “Laudate Omnes Gentes”**  
*Singing to be supported by Matt on piano and small vocal*

**Song: SP 29 “Nothing Can Trouble- Nada Te Turbe”**

**Sharing the Peace**

One: Peace be with you  
**And also with you.**

**Song: SP 44 “Da Pacem Cordium”**  
*Begun while exchanging the peace*

**Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

*Readers: Judith Newman (bold) and Haley Dinel (unbolded)*

A reading from the Psalms...

**O GOD, you have searched me and known me.**

**<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O GOD, you know it completely.**

**<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.**

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.**

**<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

**<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

**<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!**

**<sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end<sup>[a]</sup>—I am still with you.**

**Song: SP 50      “Crucem Tuam”**

**Reading: Matthew 2:1-12: (*Chyvonne*)**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew...

### **The Visit of the Wise Men**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, sages from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born ruler 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 ones 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.

**Song: SP 9      “Bless the Lord”**

**Silence** (About 5 minutes)

**Prayers of the People:** (*Rhiannon and Chris Slusar*)

**Sung Response Kyrie SP# 6 “Kyrie Eleison 13”**

(*Rhiannon*) We pray for all those born today, who have entered a world filled with fear, and will struggle to find hope . . . (*Silence*)

**Kyrie**

(*Chris*) And we pray for all those who will die today, who wonder who will hold them when human hands are left behind... (*Silence*)

**Kyrie**

(*Rhiannon*) We pray for those who must make a decision today that will affect their lives, the lives of others, or indeed the whole world...(*Silence*)

**Kyrie**

(*Chris*) And we pray for those who must leave today – leave home, leave work, leave a relationship, an addiction, or a hard place. We also pray for those unable to leave yet...(*Silence*)

**Kyrie**

(*Rhiannon*) And we pray, aloud or in silence, for the people and places, known and unknown to us, who are in need of your compassion, and your presence...

(*Silence*)

**Song: VU 948 “O God Hear My Prayer”**

## Lord's Prayer Sung -Jason Locke's version

Cre - a - tor in heav'n hal - lowed be your name.

4  
Your kin-dom come your will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.

8  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, for - give us our sin

12  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from

3  
e - vil for the kin - dom, pow'r and glor - y are yours

5  
both now and for - e - ver. A - men.

### **Sending Forth:** *Becca*

As we leave this please, may God's love unconditional be with you now and always. Amen.

*Please feel free to spend some time singing or in silence as needed.*

**Leaving Songs:**

**SP 28      “Confitemini Domino”**

**Sp 49      “Ubi Caritas”**