

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 11.00 am**

**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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### Welcome & Intimations

- The Sunday School will meet in Room 2 today.
- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a Retiring Collection this morning in aid of the Kirk Session Benevolent Fund.
- The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm via ZOOM.
- There will be a Vestry Hour at 10am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.

### Introit

### Call to Worship

### **Hymn 469 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,**

1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That all may see and come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth Your fame,  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your name.  
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3 Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,

In Your refiner's fire

Come purify the gold.

Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,

Still our living God

Is reigning, He is reigning here.

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### Call to Prayer

### Prayer of Approach and Confession

### Children's Address

### **Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace.**

1. Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt true faith in You

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

2. Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

3. Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
It is in giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

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### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:  
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

St. Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely[b] on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is

great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### Anthem

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

### Hymn 18/19 The earth belongs to God alone (Psalm 24)

1 The earth belongs to God alone  
and all that it contains;  
the world and its inhabitants  
God's steadfast love maintains.

2 The Lord who brought the world to birth  
laid earth's foundations sure,  
and firm within the surging seas  
established them secure.

3 Who, then, are those who shall ascend  
the holy hill of God?  
And who is fit to stand within  
the presence of the Lord?

4 All those whose hands and hearts are clean,  
with no room in their mind  
for worthless vanities or vows  
of a deceitful kind.

5 These are the people who receive  
a blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication for their ways  
from God, their saving God.

6 O God of Jacob, help us all  
who gather in this place,  
to seek your presence with us now:  
we yearn to see your face.

7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;  
ye doors that last for ay  
be lifted up, that so the King  
of glory enter may!

8 But who of glory is the King?  
The mighty Lord is this,  
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might  
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,  
doors that do last for ay,  
be lifted up, that so the King  
of glory enter may!

10 But who is he that is the King  
of glory? who is this?  
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,  
the King of glory is.

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### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Responses for Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.**  
...and with the whole company of heaven,  
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, saying:  
*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.*

*Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, now and for ever.*

**Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

#### Breaking of Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
**Have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
**Have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
**Grant us your peace.**

#### Hymn 159 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4      Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
          loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
          hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
          Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5      Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
          self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
          past put behind us, for the future take us,  
          Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)