

Sunday 18th January, 2026 The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

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 Vestry Hour at 10am on Wednesday 21st. January, 2026 followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- The next edition of the Church magazine should be available online by 25/01/26.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 553 Just as I am, without one plea,

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come!

5 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,-
O Lamb of God, I come!

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 541 Lord, I pray, if today

1 Lord, I pray, if today
someone wrongs or troubles me,
make me kind; bring to mind,
that forgiveness makes us free.

2 Lord, I pray, if today
joy should fill my heart with song,
help me raise thanks and praise
for your goodness, sure and strong.

3 Lord, today if I stray,
show me the road I ought to take.
When I fear, Lord, be near;
hear my prayer for your love's sake.

Jean C Keegstra-BeBoer

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
4 But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
5 And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
6 he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
7 Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord^[a] and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my^[b] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of^[c] Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 559 There is a redeemer

1. There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

2. Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Once for sinners slain

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

3. When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

Melody Green(b.1946)

St. John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³² And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’^[a] ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed^[b]). ⁴² He brought Simon^[c] to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter^[d]).

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Hymn 127 O worship the King all glorious above, vv.1,2,5,6

- 1 O worship the King all glorious above;
 O gratefully sing his power and his love;
 our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
 pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
 whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
 his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
 thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
 our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
 the humbler creation, in lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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Benediction

Choral Amen