

Sunday 25th January, 2026 The Third 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 NOT be a Vestry Hour at 10am on Wednesday 28th January, 2026 but our midweek Service will be at 11.10am.
- Next Sunday 1st February, 2026 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 3rd February, 2026 at 7.30pm via ZOOM.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways;
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
 Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow thee.

3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 The silence of eternity,
 Interpreted by love!

4 With that deep hush subduing all
 Our words and works that drown
 The tender whisper of thy call,
 As noiseless let thy blessing fall
 As fell thy manna down.

5 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.

6 Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 340 When Jesus saw the fishermen,

1 When Jesus saw the fishermen
in boats upon the sea,
he called to them, 'Come, leave your nets
and follow, follow me'.
They followed where he healed the sick
and gave the hungry bread,
and others joined them as they went
wherever Jesus led.

2 And now his friends are everywhere;
the circle once so small
extends around the whole wide world,
for Jesus calls us all.
In this great circle we belong,
wherever we may be,
if we will answer when he calls,
Come, follow, follow me'.

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Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²^[b] The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.^[b] ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?¹⁴ I thank God^[c] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn 22 The Lord's my light and saving health, (Psalm 27)

1 The Lord's my light and saving health,
who shall make me dismayed?
My life's strength is the Lord, of whom
then shall I be afraid?

2 One thing I of the Lord desired,
and will seek to obtain,
that all days of my life I may
within God's house remain;

3 That I the beauty of the Lord
behold may and admire,
and that I in his holy place
may reverently enquire.

4 Wait on the Lord, and be thou strong,
and he shall strength afford
unto thine heart ; yea, do thou wait,
I say, upon the Lord.

Psalm 27, verses 1, 4, 14, The Scottish Psalter, 1929 Reproduced from CH4 CD-ROM edition, number 22

St. Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus^[a] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”^[b] ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus^[c] went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news^[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 721 We lay our broken world

1. We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

2. Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

3. We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds
for new life can be used.

4. We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

5. We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

6. Come Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope, and trust,
and lift us up to you.

Anna Briggs(b.1947)

Benediction

Choral Amen