

*The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - 8th February, 2026*

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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 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- The Kirk Session will meet after Worship on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 in the Sanctuary to receive and approve the Annual Accounts for 2025.

Introit

Call to Worship

### **Hymn 252 As a fire is meant for burning**

1. As A Fire Is Meant For Burning  
With A Bright And Warming Flame  
So The Church Is Meant For Mission  
, Giving Glory To God's Name.  
Not To Preach Our Creeds Or Customs,  
Let us Build A Bridge Of Care,  
Joining Hands Across The Nations,  
Finding Neighbours Everywhere.

2. We Are Learners; We Are Teachers;  
We Are Pilgrims On The Way.  
We Are Seekers,; We Are Givers;  
We Are Vessels Made Of Clay.  
By Our Gentle Loving Actions  
We will Show That Christ Is Light.  
In A Humble Listening Spirit,  
We will Live To God's Delight.

3. As A Green Bud In The Springtime  
Is A Sign Of Life Renewed,  
So May We Be Signs Of Oneness  
'Mid Earth's Peoples, Many Hued.  
As A Rainbow Lights The Heavens  
When A Storm Is Past And Gone,  
May Our Lives Reflect The Radiance  
Of God's New And Glorious Dawn.

Ruth C. Duck(b.1947)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

### **Hymn 126 Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.**

1      Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.  
Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.  
Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.  
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

2      For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

4 Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

5 For Jesus is Lord ! Amen ! Alleluia !  
For Jesus is Lord ! Amen ! Alleluia !  
For Jesus is Lord ! Amen ! Alleluia !  
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

Brazilian folk song translated Gerhard M. Cartford (b. 1923) Reproduced from CH4 CD-ROM edition, number 126 Words: © Copyright Gerhard Cartford. Permission applied for.

### Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator<sup>[a]</sup> shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

### 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> I did not come proclaiming the mystery<sup>[b]</sup> of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weak-

ness and in fear and in much trembling.<sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,<sup>[c]</sup> but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.<sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.<sup>11</sup> For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

#### Hymn 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
and He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world's Light;”  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in Him my star, my sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk  
til traveling days are done.

Horatius Bonar(1806-1889)

#### St. Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.<sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.<sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,<sup>[a]</sup> not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.<sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks<sup>[b]</sup> one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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.

5        Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
If I ever disown you, I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in your service your word I'll obey,  
and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

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### Benediction

### Choral Amen

### Hymn 500 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

1        Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!

    Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
    and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

2        Lord of all power, I give you my will,

    in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.

    Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;  
    and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

3        Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,

    rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find;  
    what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
    is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

4        Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;

    I praise and adore you for all you impart,  
    your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
    your presence to shield me, whatever betide.