



The Second Sunday after The Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Choral Eucharist at 11:00am

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

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Liturgical Note:

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Reverend Jillian Ruch

Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Anointer: The Reverend Matthew Waterman • Sub-Deacon: David Grant

First Reader: Debra Solomon • Second Reader: Christoph Pike

Intercessor: George McNeillie • Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: Andy Akin, Leslie Derbecker, David Grant, John Hopperton,
Mary Hopperton and Wairimu Nduati*

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.

*Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning.
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.

Music of the Mass: Missa Brevis by Andrea Gabrieli

Prelude Communion on a French Hymn Melody, from *Basil Harwood*
Eight Pieces for the Organ, Op. 58, No. 3

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn Tune: Richmond

All O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Thomas Haweis; adapt. Samuel Webbe the younger

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no
secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Choir Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

During the Gloria, children are invited to gather at the Chancel Steps before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the Offertory.

Gloria

Merbecke

Presider *All* *Merbecke*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav-en - ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty, O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho - ly, thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Redeemer of Israel, you called us from before our birth to follow in your ways: meet us in our searching and turn our eyes and hearts to the one who gives his life for the world; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader 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. 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. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured 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.'

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 honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—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.'

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.'

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40

Choir I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me out of the roaring pit,
out of the mire and clay;
 he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
He has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
 many shall see and fear
 and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
 who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.
Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us!
 There is none that can be compared with you.
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
 they would be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire
but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;
then said I: 'Lo, I come.
'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God;
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O Lord, you know.
Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth
from the great congregation.
Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

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 and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gregory Murray

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him, he gave power to become children of God.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-40

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?' 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Presider I believe in one God

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of**

Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Presider Let us pray to God in the name of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, saying, “God here among us, bring us to light and life.”

Silence

Intercessor God here among us,
People **bring us to light and life.**

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider God of all, may we find in your Son what we are looking for and what our hearts long for as we follow him today and always. We ask this in his name.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever**

hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Repton

All Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

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,
rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

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,
the beauty of thy peace.

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,
O still small voice of calm!

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry;

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Presider And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Merbecke

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider *All*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing.*
- *Please approach the High Altar in **single file and fill the altar rail from the right side.** Exit through the door by the organ.*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the Lady Chapel (at the front of the right aisle).*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*
- *You are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.*
- *Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Grafton

All Now my tongue, the mystery telling, of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling, which the nations' Lord and King,
once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

That last night, at supper lying with the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, by word he maketh very bread his flesh to be,
wine his blood for whoso taketh; and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son;
honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run,
and the Spirit's power confessing, who from both with both is one.

Motet **Beati quorum Via**

Janet Wheeler

Choir Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

People **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Wolvercote

All O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks and in them plant mine own:
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

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Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Finale Jubilante from Five Pieces for Organ

Healey Willan

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Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
and the Music Ministry*

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