

Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 17-18, 2026
Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND *(u)* PASSING OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "SURELY THE PRESENCE"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace_.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice,

C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P **The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ⁺ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.**

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

**Ref. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

- 2 **Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***
- 3 **These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

GREETING

P **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P **Let us pray together.**

C **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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ANTHEM

LESSON OF THE DAY

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The lesson begins:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P **The Word of the Lord.**

C **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open_ now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL**John 1:29-42**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE “BUILD OUR LIVES”

We will build our lives upon God’s love.
It is a firm foundation
and we will put our trust in Him alone
and we will not be shaken_.

APOSTLES’ CREED

P **Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P **Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.**

A brief silence.

P **Thank you, Father, for Jesus. Thank you for making him our doorway into your heart. Thank you for making him your dear Lamb, the sacrifice for our sin. Thank you for making him the light of the world, and of our lives. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Lord, cause your Church to preach like John the Baptist. May it always point to Jesus, and say, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Prune away every program or teaching that does not serve that end. Let Jesus use the Church to draw new disciples to himself, and to shape them into his likeness. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Make disciples of everyone in this congregation. Help us to use our spiritual gifts to glorify you and build up our community of faith. Make us bold to tell others, "We have found him of whom the Scriptures speak! Come and see the Son of God who takes away the sins of the world!" Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Bless the Church wherever it is persecuted on account of Jesus. By its patient witness, turn its enemies from hatred to repentance. For missionaries throughout the world, for our seminaries, church colleges, and schools, and for all who seek to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, we also lift our hands, hearts, and voices in fervent supplication. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Tomorrow we commemorate the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you for his witness. Teach us to value one another not based on race, creed, or gender, but because you have created all people in your image, and have given your Son as the sacrifice for all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, make the content of our character reflect your will, so that we treat each other with respect, justice, and charity. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Enlighten the minds and purify the hearts of those who take counsel for the nations. Turn them from the idols of power, prestige, and ideology, and teach them your ways. Heal the divisions that beset our country. Bestow your favor upon it, so it may be a beacon of righteousness, justice, and freedom for all. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Stoop down, O Lord, and hear the cry of all who are afflicted by suffering or sorrow, especially: {List}. Lift them out of their desolation; make their footing sure; and put a new song into their mouths. Restore them to all who love them. Let them proclaim your merciful deliverance. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

C **Amen.**

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY “PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY”

**Praise to you, O God of mercy;
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly;
thanks be to you forever!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P **The Lord be with you.**

C **And also with you.**

P **Lift up your hearts.**

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

P **It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

SANCTUS

**Holy Holy Holy Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might_,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosannah_ in the highest.**

**Bless'd is He who comes in Your name_,
Hosannah_ in the highest!**

P **Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus**

ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P **As a community, let us say the Lord's Prayer.**

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P **Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.**

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

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THE BLESSING

P **Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me"

**1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

2 **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**

5 **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

DISMISSAL

**A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,
C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.