

**Holy Communion:- 18th January 2026**

**Jesus the Lamb of God**

**Welcome, Notices**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives,  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**Opening Worship: Crown him with many crowns**

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high;  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear the sight,**

but downward bends each burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

**Collect for Purity:**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Prayers of Penitence:**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

*Time of silence:*

Let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

**Absolution:**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver you from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Gloria. (sung)**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7 (Diane)**

*The Servant of the Lord*

**49** <sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you islands;  
    hear this, you distant nations:  
Before I was born the Lord called me;  
    from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
**2** He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
    in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
    and concealed me in his quiver.  
**3** He said to me, "You are my servant,  
    Israel, in whom I will display my splendour."  
**4** But I said, "I have laboured in vain;  
    I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,  
    and my reward is with my God."  
**5** And now the Lord says—  
    he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
    and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord  
    and my God has been my strength—  
**6** he says:  
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
    to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
 that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> This is what the Lord says—  
 the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—  
 to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
 to the servant of rulers:  
 “Kings will see you and stand up,  
 princes will see and bow down,  
 because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn: Here I am to worship**

**Light of the world**  
**you stepped down into darkness,**  
**opened my eyes, let me see.**  
**Beauty that made this heart adore you**  
**hope of a life spent with you.**

***So here I am to worship.***  
***Here I am to bow down.***  
***Here I am to say that you're my God.***  
***You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,***  
***altogether wonderful to me***

**King of all days**  
**oh, so highly exalted**  
**glorious in heaven above.**  
**Humbly you came to the earth you created**  
**all for love's sake became poor.**

***So here I am to worship.***  
***Here I am to bow down.***  
***Here I am to say that you're my God.***  
***You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,***  
***altogether wonderful to me***

I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.

*So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me (repeat chorus)*

I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
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to see my sin upon that cross.

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**Gospel Reading:** John 1v29-42 (Joy)

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> 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.' <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> "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.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** (Joy)

**Creed:**

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession:** (Andrew)

**Responses**

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our Prayer**  
Merciful Father  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Peace:**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn: Overwhelmed by love**

**Overwhelmed by love  
Deeper than oceans  
High as the heavens**

**Ever living God  
Your love has rescued me**

**All my sin was laid  
On your dear son  
Your precious one  
All my debt he paid  
Great is your love for me**

**No-one could ever earn your love  
Your grace and mercy is free  
Lord these words are true  
So is my love for you**

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**Offertory Prayer:**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**  
**Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer (B):**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because, in the incarnation of the Word,  
new light has dawned upon the world,  
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness  
to see the radiance of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for every praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your Holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died;**  
**Christ is risen;**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
His perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
We celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share in this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer: (sung)**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Breaking of Bread:**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Prayer of Humble Access:**

**We do not presume to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Worship During administration:**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**God of glory, you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:**

fill us with your Holy Spirit  
 that through us your light of glory  
 may shine in all the world.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen

### Opportunity for Sharing:

#### Blessing:

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
 and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom:  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.  
 Amen.

#### Final Hymn: Before the throne of God above

Before the throne of God above  
 I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
 a great High Priest, whose name is Love  
 whoever lives and pleads for me.  
 My name is graven on his hands,  
 my name is written on his heart;  
 I know that while in heaven he stands  
 no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
 and tells me of the guilt within,  
 upward I look, and see him there  
 who made an end of all my sin.  
 Because the sinless Saviour died,  
 my sinful soul is counted free,  
 for God the just is satisfied  
 to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb!  
 my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
 the great unchangeable "I AM"  
 the King of glory and of grace!  
 One with himself, I cannot die;

**my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God.**

Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1923)

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ: Amen**

*Refreshments at the back of Church .and prayer ministry at the front.*