



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

# The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Please pray:

For The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania – The Episcopal Church.

For those who work in Human Resources for the Diocese.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Radinden Drive.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Peter, Michael Miller, Jess, Marian.

Anniversaries of death: Brian Carter, Drew Stranack, Lydia Burgess.

*Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.*

*Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.*

**Processional Hymn**  
NEH 232

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun**  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,**  
Live this day as if 'twere thy last:  
Improve thy talent with due care;  
For the great day thyself prepare.
- 3 Let all thy converse be sincere,**  
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;  
Think how the all-seeing God thy ways  
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 4 Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,**  
May your devotion me inspire,  
That I like you my age may spend,  
Like you may on my God attend.
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.*

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.

### **The Penitential Rite**

*The priest invites us to call to mind 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.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

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.

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

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.

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**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.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

### **The Collect**

*We remain standing for the Collect:*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 40 vv 1-14 (Chant: Marsh)

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord \*  
and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
- 2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay \*  
and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth \*  
even a thanksgiving unto our God.
- 4 Many shall see it, and fear \*  
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
- 5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord \*  
and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.
- 6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done,

like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward \*  
and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7 If I should declare them, and speak of them \*  
they should be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice, and meat-offering, thou wouldest not \*  
but mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required \*  
then said I, Lo, I come,

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O  
my God \*  
I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation \*  
Lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart \*  
my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth \*  
from the great congregation.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord \*  
let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\* world  
without end. Amen.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

#### *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

From 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

*We stand for the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1:29-42*

John the Baptist 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).

*At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*We sit for the sermon.*

**The Creed**

*Please stand for the 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.

**The Intercessions**

*In the intercessions, we make this or another response:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.*

### **Offertory Hymn NEH 271**

- 1 Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**
  
- 2 Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**
  
- 3 Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

*W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*The Invitation to Prayer is said:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:*

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

...as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

*The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends*

... for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:*

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated host:*

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.**

*We sing the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

## Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

Choir

*O for a closer walk with God*, Stanford

Communion Hymn  
NEH 313

- 1 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants  
Here bring before thee Christ thy well-belovèd,  
All-perfect Offering, Sacrifice immortal,  
Spotless Oblation.**
  
- 2 See now thy children, making intercession  
Through him our Saviour, Son of God incarnate,  
For all thy people, living and departed,  
Pleading before thee.**

*William Jervois (1852-1905)*

## Post Communion

*We stand as the priest prays:*  
God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We pray together:*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

**The Notices**

**The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest asks God's blessing on us:*

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 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.
- 2 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 that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
Where everlasting waves  
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!  
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)  
Organ Voluntary

*Postlude on Diademata*, Christopher Tambling

## THIS WEEK

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St Agnes</i>	
7.15pm 7.45pm	Eucharist PCC
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
10.30am 7.30pm	The Eucharist Book Group <i>at Maldon Road</i>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Frances de Sales</i>	
6.30pm	Burns Night Supper
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Conversion of St Paul</b>	
8.00am 10.15am	The Eucharist <b>Parish Eucharist</b>

## NOTICES

There is a chance this morning for a continued discussion about the decision to cease the practice of intinction at The Good Shepherd. Mthr Alice will be in the chancel from about 11.30am.

Please pick up a booklet today with all the different ways you can grow in your faith between now and Easter.

Please start bringing in your old palm crosses to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January there will be **fundraising fair** for Family Support Work at All Saints Hove from 11am - 3pm. Mthr Alice will be running a game. If you able to come and join her for an hour or so, please let her know.

Tickets are now on sale for a **Burns Night Supper** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. The are £8 each for haggis (veggie available), neeps and tatties, Tipsy Laird pudding and a wee dram. Bring your own drinks.

**Evensong** is making a return to COGS on Sunday 1st February at 6pm. It is 'Come and Sing' so we are inviting anyone and everyone to join the choir for this. If you have ever wondered about singing in the choir, now is the perfect chance to give it a go! The rehearsal will start at 3.30pm, and there will be a break for tea and cake at 5.15pm.

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