

Sunday | 18 January 2026 Second Sunday of Epiphany

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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

*A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.*

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. The LORD 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."

PSALM Psalm 40:1-2

R *I love to do your will, O God,
[your law is in my heart].*

I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made
my footing sure. **R**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and stand in awe
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to
false gods. **R**

Great things are they that you have done,
O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for
us!
there is none who can be compared with
you.
O that I could make them known and tell
them!
but they are more than I can count. **R**

In sacrifice and offering you take no
pleasure
you have given me ears to hear you;
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not
required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
In the roll of the book it is written
concerning me:
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'" **R**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great
congregation;

behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my
heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your
deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and
faithfulness
from the great congregation. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

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.

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

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 baptising 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 baptise
with water said to me, 'He on whom you
see the Spirit descend and remain is the
one who baptises 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).

POST COMMUNION

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.