

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 40:1-12

R Great are the wonders you have done,
O Lord my God.

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

"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. **R**

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. **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.

