



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

***The Second Sunday after Epiphany***

**January 18, 2026**

**Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am**

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.  
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.  
Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

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PRELUDE    *Passacaglia*

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**HYMN 434**

***The Love of Jesus Calls Us***

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

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Almighty God,  
*All*            **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you 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.**

## GLORY TO GOD

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa- ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a-lone are the ho - ly One,  
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world.  
May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*All sit*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Reader:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

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."

*Reader*        Thanks be to God.

### PSALM *sung by all*

40:1-12

*Chant:* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



I waited patiently u- / pon 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.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to / you, O / 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.

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 ● com- / pared with / you.

Oh, that I could make them / known and / tell them!\*  
but they are / more than / I can / count.

In sacrifice and offering you / take no / pleasure\*  
you have / giv'n me / ears to / hear you;

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have / not re- / quired,\*  
and so I / said, “Be- / hold, I / come.

In the roll of the book it is written con- / cerning / me:\*

“I love to do your will O God: your / law is / deep in ● my heart.”

I proclaimed righteousness in the great / congre- / gation;\*

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

Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart:

I have spoken of your faithfulness and / your de- / liverance;\*

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness / from the / great  
con- ● gre- / gation.

You are the Lord, do not withhold your com-/passion ● from / me;\*

let your love and your faithfulness / keep me / safe for- / ever.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Reader:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

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.

*Reader*            Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 270

*Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise*

## GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

*Gospeller*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward 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).

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

*All stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All*                **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* Steve Hinchliffe

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

#### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

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

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 273

*Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*      Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise, no. 689*

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant*      We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.



In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.

*All*

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**People**      **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All*      **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.**

#### \*THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*      We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*People*      **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the people of God,  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

#### THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

The text is found at no. 70 in *Common Praise*

*After communion, all stand for*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty: the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
*People* **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*Gospeller* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 438

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

VOLUNTARY “Gig” Fugue in G

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



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