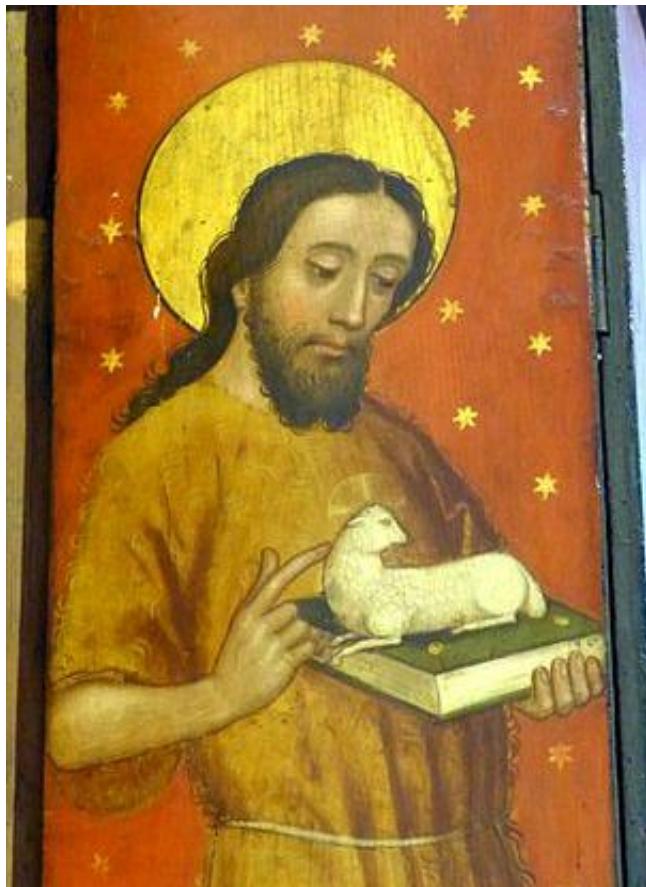


St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026 - 10:00 AM



“John the Baptist” by Wolfgang Sauber, Schwabach, Germanyⁱ

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Today, Sara Shaw leads us in Morning Prayer.

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! This document provides a guide for our time together. You are invited to join in saying the words in **bold**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide. Hymns today are in the blue "Common Praise" hymnals.*

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

♪ Processional Hymn – “We'll Sing in the Morning”

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Officiant O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant Your light springs up for the righteous
All and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Officiant Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler of the nations,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.
As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts,
anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit so that we may witness to your gospel
and sing your praise in all the earth.

All Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.ⁱⁱ

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.ⁱⁱⁱ

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.**

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord is our light and our life.
All O come, let us worship.

♪ Invitatory Hymn – “Amazing Grace”

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The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

The Proclamation of the Word

First reading^{iv} - *Isaiah 49:1-7* Our reader is Josie

Our reading is the second of the Servant Songs. The servant calls upon Israelites scattered around the Mediterranean. He is an effective instrument in speaking God's word. He speaks on behalf of the faithful of Israel, who will bring knowledge of God to all peoples.

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 labored 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 honored 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."

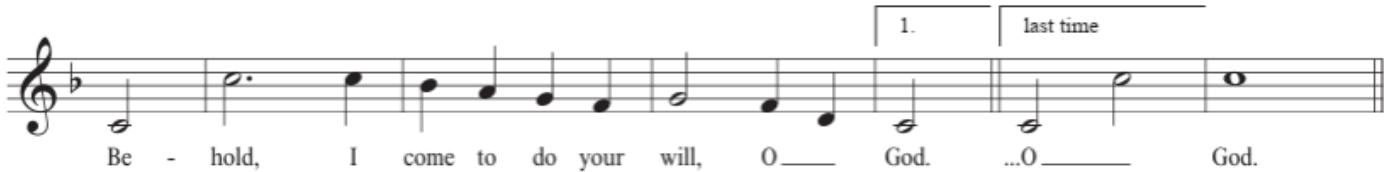
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All **Thanks be to God!**

♪ **Psalm^v** – *Psalm 40:1-11*

Our cantors are Pauline and Andy.

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Be - hold, I come to do your will, O God. ... O God.

Refrain: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

I waited in patience for you, O God, you stooped to me and heard my cry.
You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
You set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. **[Refrain]**

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

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

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."
[Refrain]

"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.' I proclaimed your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O God, you know. **[Refrain]**

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. **[Refrain]**

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Our reader is Sandra.

Paul writes to a Christian community not noted for its harmony. It seems that they are richly endowed with spiritual gifts, but it is noteworthy that Paul does not mention faith, hope and fraternal love – as he does in other letters.

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 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 whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation – "Alleluia"

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Alleluia 189



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Gospel Reading – John 1:29-42

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John the Baptist has denied that he is any of the figures expected by Jews to inaugurate a new era: he is neither the Messiah, Elijah, nor the prophet like Moses. Rather he prepares people for the coming of the Lord. He has told representatives of the Pharisees that one is already among them who is far more worthy than he.

The next day he 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 Chosen One."

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).

The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – via video

The Ven Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Natan Bádue

The Canticle – A Song of New Jerusalem – *Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b*

Officiant Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
All **the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Officiant Though night still covers the earth,
All **and darkness the peoples;**

Officiant above you the Holy One arises,
All **and above you God's glory appears.**

Officiant The nations will come to your light,
All **and rulers to your dawning brightness.**

Officiant Your gates will lie open continually,
All **shut neither by day nor by night.**

Officiant The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
All **or ruin and devastation within your borders.**

Officiant You will call your walls, Salvation,
All **and your gates, Praise.**

Officiant Nor will the sun give you daylight,
All **nor moonlight shine upon you;**

Officiant but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
All **your God will be your splendour.**

Officiant For you shall be called the city of God,
All **the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.^{vi}**

Affirmation of Faith

All **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.



Meditation Hymn – “Adoremus Te Jesu Christe”

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Intercessions & Thanksgiving

Led by Elaine

Leader Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all the world worship in spirit and in truth.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May the Church discover that unity which is your will.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death rest in peace and rise in glory.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.

After a period of silence, the following concluding prayer is said.

Leader: O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.**

The Peace is an invitation for us to greet those with whom we worship as a sign of our reconciliation to them through the blessing of God's absolution of our sins. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest you with a handshake or other non-touch greeting.

The Passing of the Peace

Officiant We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.



Offertory Hymn – “God, Whose Almighty Word”

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All	<p>Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.</p> <p>Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all^{vii}.</p>
Officiant	<p>Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.^{viii}</p>

Collect of the Day

Officiant	Let us pray,
All	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.
Officiant	Uniting our voices with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.
All	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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

♪ **Sending Hymn** - *"How Great Thou Art"*

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Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**
Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power
of the holy spirit.
All **Amen.**



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Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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Endnotes

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ⁱⁱ The Introductory Responses are from "Pray Without Ceasing".

ⁱⁱⁱ The confession is from Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to *The Book of Alternative Services*, pages 28-45

iv The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the montreal.anglican.org site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

^v The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

^{vi} The Canticle is from *Pray without Ceasing*

^{vii} The Offertory Sentence is from the Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church, USA

^{viii} General Thanksgiving Prayer is from Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer: Supplementary to *The Book of Alternative Services*, pages 28-45