



CHRIST CHURCH  
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## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026   Holy Eucharist   10:30am



Saint John the Baptist; [Juan de Ancheta](#)

Spanish, ca. 1580–92.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/205084>

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Organist: Julian Delf

Reader: Norma McCauley

Server: Sarah Howard

Greeter: Garry Minielly

Cantor: Francis Richardson



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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## Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Sing of Andrew, John’s Disciple #273

## Gathering of the Community

Presider: 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.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: 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.**

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest) sung (#702 blue hymn book)**

All: **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.**

**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.**

**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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S TALK

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 40:1-12



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

(1) I waited in patience for you, O God;  
(2) you stooped to me and heard my cry.  
(3) You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
(4) you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. **R.**

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

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

(1) In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
(2) (you have given me ears to hear you);  
(3) Burnt-offerings and sin-offering you have not required,  
(4) and so I said, "Behold, I come. **R.**

(1) In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
 (1) 'I love to do your will, O my God;  
 (2) your law is deep in my heart.'"  
 (3) I proclaimed your righteousness in the great congregation;  
 (4) behold, I did not restrain my lips and that, O God, you know. **R.**  
 (1) Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
 (2) I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
 (4) I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation  
*Alleluia is played once and repeated by congregation 2 or 3 times..*

Music: Norah Duncan IV, 1987, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE HOLY 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.**

*After the Gospel is read.*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*As before the Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia repeated twice by congregation.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE HOMILY**

The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Priest & Rector

*Please stand, as you're able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Lay Reader: 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 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.**

*Please sit or stand as you're able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson  
Lay Reader

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: 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.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

**All:** 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.

Presider: 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** Come and Journey with a Saviour #482  
(blue hymn book)

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #5 (BAS, pg 204)

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Presider:** We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, .....

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.....  
Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

#### THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - sung

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

BAS pg 205

**Presider:** We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, .....

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.....  
We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 (FRACTION RITE)

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

***If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.***

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus   #374 blue hymn book

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE DOXOLOGY (sung)

**All:** **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE FINAL BLESSING

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** O Jesus, I Have Promised) #438 (Tune #444)  
blue hymn book

### THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### POSTLUDE

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## This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. James the Apostle, Port Lambton; St. James the Apostle, Wallaceburg; Holy Trinity/St.Paul's, Chatham; Christ Church, Chatham; Church of the Ascension, Comber.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Niki Cesta & Savannah Stephen, Christine Clark, Larry & Louise Clock and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A., the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK, as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Norma, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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### *Memorial Flowers on the Altar*

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Chancel Guild*

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### **NEXT WEEK**

**January 25, 2026, Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**The readings are:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthew 4:12-23.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Julian Delf for offering his time and talent at the organ today.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday, from 8:30 to 10am (unless a stat holiday). Please join us for a hearty breakfast.

The Midweek Eucharist is offered every Wednesday, at 12:00 noon, followed by a Bible Study at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

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**Vestry Sunday is February 22 and will be following the worship service with a few moments to enjoy a coffee/tea & snack in between. Please plan to attend and hear about what your parish has accomplished and have your say about its future.**

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**CANCELLATION OF ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER** - We deeply regret that we have had to cancel the Robbie Burns Supper due to poor ticket sales, as this was a fundraiser. We hope to have another event in the near future.

**For your refund, for those who paid in cash, please go to the office to have your cash returned.**

**For those who paid in the office by credit or debit card, your refund will be put back on your card.**

**For those who paid online through Canada Helps, our Treasurer, Jean Richardson will get in touch with you as to your preference of refund: cheque or e-transfer. Thanks, so much, for your support!**

**We also take this moment to thank our organizers, in particular, John Howard and those who were giving up their time to volunteer as helpers. Thank you all!**

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