

Saint Andrew's United Church

We are called to be the united church. Mission is our home. We foster belonging; provide spiritual accompaniment; and ask the deep questions

The Third Sunday in Epiphany

January 25th, 2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

++ Please rise in body or spirit

MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United;

TLUS = Then Let Us Sing

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

God be with you.

And also with you.

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.

CANDLE LIGHTING:

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

To the coastlands, to the prairies, to the mountains and forests,
we proclaim the good news:

Light has come into the world!

God is at work!

Who shall bear this good news?

We will gather with our siblings in Christ;

we will listen for the word of God;

we will proclaim the Gospel!

AND WE CENTRE IN GOD:

God, there is much suffering and fear in the world today.
The future seems uncertain.
It is like a cloud of darkness that blinds our sight.

**Join us in the darkness, God.
Sit with us; dream with us;
call us; renew us.**

++HYMN: MV 17 – “God in the Darkness”

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Holy Love, you have created us to be reflections of
you in our own wonderful uniqueness.

**You have created us to love
without any other agenda.**

And yet sometimes we fail to do so. Sometimes we
turn away from another in fear or judgment.

**We want to be accepted;
we want to be one of the crowd.**

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

God gently calls us back, teaching
us not to be afraid.

**God teaches that we are all part of Creation,
and all of us are God’s beloved people.**

May we be people of integrity and grace, acting
from mercy and truth.

**May we be people of courage
even when we are afraid.**

May we be filled with the Spirit of life, truth, and
compassion,

reflecting your love and mercy always. Amen.

- Written by Susan Girard, gatheringworship.ca. Adapted.

WE RESPOND: VU 79 – “Arise, Your Light is Come” v 4

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God’s power will make us strong.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader: Cathy Waller**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1-9 [VU 754, v1-3]

Matthew 4:12-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

++HYMN: VU 82 – “A Light is Gleaming”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER VU 960 [Ecumenical Version]

MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES:

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

++OFFERTORY: “These Gifts We Bring”

These gifts we bring with grateful hearts,
to reconcile, make new.

Gather us in grace, show us the way,
to live our lives in Truth;
to share Your love in all we do.

The offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

The magi perceived your star;
the disciples followed your Son;
the early Church received your revelation.

**Like those before us,
we receive your gifts
and offer them to your world.**

++HYMN: MV 171 – “Christ Has No Body Now But Yours”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

EXTROIT: VU 679 – “Let There be Light” v 1,5,6

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY



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