

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



February 1, 2026
10:30 am

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Martin Luther King Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail" (April 16, 1963)

Note: We are a Scent Free Facility for the health and comfort of those with allergies. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.
We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.

Kids Church is offered during the 10:30 am service.
The children will leave for age appropriate activities part way through.
Children are also welcome to stay at the activity table.

Welcome, Introduction & Invitation to Stillness

The Presider welcomes the congregation

Presider We acknowledge with gratitude that we live and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the *kʷikʷəƛ̓əm* (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the *q̓iq̓əy* (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We give thanks for their care of the land,
waters and creatures through the generations,
and we commit ourselves to walk gently upon this earth
and to live as good neighbours.

The Presider invites the congregation to settle into stillness.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn - *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* (CP 649)

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldest do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God:
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch, Music: Robert Jackson

Presider God is with us,
here in our midst and always,
the love at our beginning and without end.
Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy One,
**you know our hearts: our hopes and fears,
our joys and sorrows, all our daily challenges.
In your mercy, help us. By your Spirit,
inspire and deepen your love in us.
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Collect of the Day (*the special prayer which ‘collects’ the theme of the day*)

Presider God of the poor in spirit,
you bless those the world overlooks
and lift up those who mourn:
show us again what you require.
Not sacrifice, but mercy;
not ritual, but justice;
not pride, but humble walking with you.
Turn our hearts toward those you call blessed,
and make us hunger for righteousness
as we hunger for bread;
through Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God. **Amen.**

Gathering of Children

Children and their leaders are invited to come forward for a prayer before heading to Kids Church. They will rejoin us in time for Communion. If your child prefers to stay in the service, they are welcome here, and activities are available at the table, at the rear of the sanctuary.

Presider Loving God,
All we pray for open hearts and minds.
Help us to grow in faith, love, and understanding,
and may your love unite us, now and always. Amen.

(Children leave for Kids Church)

Gloria - *Glory to God - Mass of Renewal*

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us

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, Amen

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Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes
 to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.
All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

First Reading - *Micah 6:1-8*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Psalm 15*



The just shall dwell on your ho - ly mount.

1. who may abide upon your holy hill!
All those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
and speak truth from their hearts. ***Refrain***
2. There is no guile upon their tongues;
they do no evil to their friends;
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbours.
In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honour those who fear God.
They have sworn to do no wrong
they do not take back their words. ***Refrain***
3. They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown. ***Refrain***

Second Reading - *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying
All **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation - *Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily - Rev. Carla McGhie

Affirming Our Faith

Presider In this season of light, we declare the faith that holds us.

All **We believe in God, the Source of Life,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is created, named, and sustained.**

**We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word,
Comforter: Mystery. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins:
the ways we have failed to love God,
to love our neighbours, and to honour the
belovedness of our own lives.

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection

Presider 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 on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider Christ is our light, gathering us in peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.
All And also with you.

(The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries)

Offertory

*In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God.
Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour.*

*If you give through Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer
(office@saintlaurence.ca), you're welcome to use a blue card to
represent your offering to the glory of God.*



Offertory Hymn - *Give Me Ears to Listen* (OCP 201)

Verses

1, 4. Let me be your servant; let me walk your way.
2. In si - lence, when you call me, let me hear your voice.
3. Last night, when I a - woke I heard you call my name.

1, 4. Guide me on your path; give night the light of day.
2. Je - sus, walk be - side me; let my soul re - joice. When
3. You re-freshed my soul; I felt your burn - ing flame. Oh,

1, 4. Let me be a sure foun - da - tion, pure and strong.
2. winds and cur - rents bat - ter me, help me be sure.
3. strength - en me to bear my cross and walk your way.

1, 4. Let me tell of your sal - va - tion all life long.
2. Give me cour - age from the storms when they oc - cur.
3. Give me grace to com - fort those with all I say.

Refrain

Give me ears to lis-ten. Give me eyes to see. Give me words to

1, 3, Final to Vss. 2, 4 (Fine) 2 2 to Verse 3

speak and show your face to me. me.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of light,

All **we bring our gifts with grateful hearts.**

**Bless these gifts and the offering of our lives,
and send us to share your light. Amen.**

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **We give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Creator, you made our world - beautiful and good.
You made us to live in right relationship with you
and all creation. You sent Jesus to live among us
and show us what you are like.

We give all thanks and praise to you, our true
and loving God. You laid the foundations of the earth
and enclosed the seas. You brought forth all creatures
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One.

All you create is a sign of hope for our journey.
And so, we join with the heavenly beings
and all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus - *Holy - Mass of Renewal*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.

Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human,
to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign,
and to give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you
and restored the glory you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

*“Take and eat. This is my very self given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

*“Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant
poured out for you and all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, and, longing for Christ's coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this bread and wine may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be
thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give
oth-ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom and the pow - er and the
glo - ry are yours for - ev - er. A - men.

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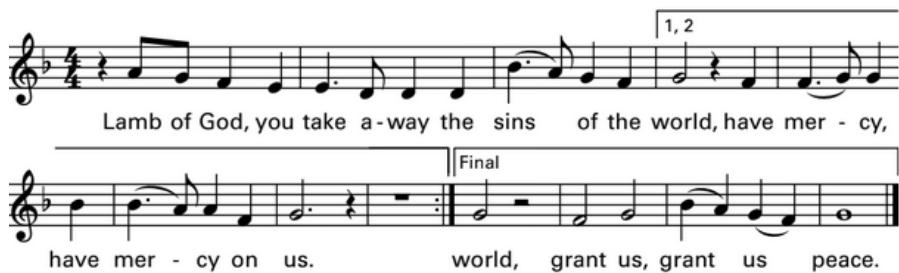
The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, sharing the light.**

Lamb of God - *Christmas Carol Mass*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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The Invitation

Presider This is the table of the Lord, spread for all who seek.
You do not need to be certain, only curious.
You do not need to be whole, only hungry.
Come, be fed for the journey

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Distribution

At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered, just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

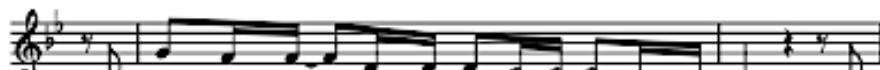
Communion Hymn - *Miracle of Grace* (OCP 362)

Verses

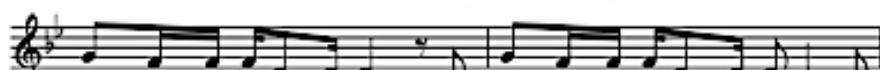


1. Mir-a-cle of grace,
2. Un-wor-thy though we are,
3. Your faith-ful-ness re-vealed

1. mys-ter-y of faith,
2. you feed the hun-gry heart
3. in this cov-e-nant you've sealed



1. call-ing us to ven-ture to the deep.
2. with bread come down from heav-en a-bove. And
3. with your ver-y bod-y and your blood. Come,



1. Though our sens-es fail, your grac-es still pre-vail, and
2. like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet,
3. claim your bride a-gain with love that can-not end, for

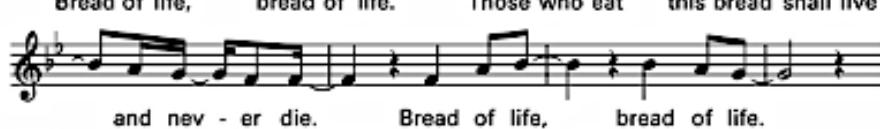


1. we be-come the love that we re-ceive.
2. dy-ing here with you. Oh, let us rise!
3. what God joins no one can di-vide.

Refrain



Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live



and nev-er die. Bread of life, bread of life.



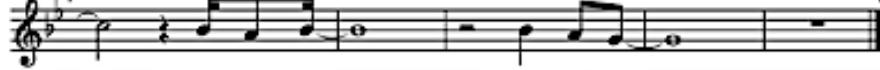
Your true pres-ence in this ho-ly sac-ri-fice.

1, 2

to Verse 2, 3

Bread of life.

Final



Bread of life, bread of life.

Communion Hymn - *The Body of Christ* (OCP 919)

1. This is the Body of Christ, Beau - ti - ful, bro - ken and
 2. grace; mir - a - cle of the great - est of loves,
 3. faith; bound by this love, this Bod - y and tongue
 1. presence of God in our midst. This is the Cup that he
 2. ev - er could ful - ly ex - plain. This is the Blood of the
 3. of - fers a - gain and a - gain. All of the hun - ger we
 1. shares, end-less-ly emp-tied and poured; sac - ri - fice
 2. Lamb, gift of a heart o - pen wide; poured from the
 3. have, sat - is-fied on - ly by this; so we re -
 1. made so that we might be saved now and for - ev - er - more.
 2. Cross to the al - tar where love com-forts and fills and pro-vides.
 3. ceive, we re - mem - ber, be - lieve and share so that oth - ers may live.

Refrain

A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.
 A - men, a - men! We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.
 We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

Moment of Silence

Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of light,

All **you have fed us and shown us your glory
in Jesus Christ.**

Send us out to share your light with the world.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the light of the world. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

All **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.**

Announcements

The Blessing

Presider May Christ, the light of the world, shine in your hearts.

May God illuminate your path.

May the Holy Spirit empower you to share that light.

And the blessing of God-
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life-
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *The Peace of the Earth* (HGSP 798)

The peace of the earth be with you
The peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you
The peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you
God's peace growing in you

Text: Christine Carson, Arr John L Bell

Minister Go in peace, sharing the light with the world.
All Thanks be to God.

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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Gathering - 9:00 am

*From silence to laughter, scripture to table - wrestling
with faith, in good company.*

Join us midweek for Communion, scripture, and honest conversation. A safe space to share questions, explore diverse perspectives, and deepen fellowship. Start your day nourished in spirit and community.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

-there will be ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am

Vestry - February 22, 2026 - following the service in the Sanctuary

Pre-Vestry Finance Discussion - February 15, 2026
following the 10:30 am service

Reverend Philip is away on vacation from January 28 - February 7.

During this time, please feel free to contact the church office with any enquiries or pastoral care needs, and Curt will help get you connected with someone who can help.

Book Club

The Book Club meets from 2:00-4:00 pm
at the church or on Zoom

Next Meeting - February 10, 2026



New members are always welcome!.

Contact the church office if you are not on the Book Club list and would like to be included

Senior Men's Lunch

Next date: Thursday, February 19, 2026
11:30 - 1:00 pm



The senior men meet once a month at **Ricky's Country Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse Street** for good food and conversation.

In order for the restaurant to know how many to expect for the lunch, please contact Bruce Middleton, or the church office @ 604-936-5423 or office@saintlaurence.ca if you are planning on attending.