

Sunday January 25 2026
Third Sunday after the Epiphany & ACW Ingathering

Worship Leaders

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Prelude Adorn Yourself, Oh Dear Soul (J.S.Bach)

Opening Sentence

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. — Luke 4.18

Prayer of Acknowledgement

Holy Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth that you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of those peoples who first occupied the land we are on: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabek Nation; the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Métis Nation. Give us patient hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name: our Creator, your Son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Processional CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

Gathering of the Community

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.

Gloria CP 686

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4 Jean

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah:

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The word of the Lord; **All Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Refrain **O God is my light and my salvation.**

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life;

To behold your fair beauty, O God and to seek you in your temple.

For in the day of trouble you will keep me safe in your shelter;

you will hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now you lift up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;

I will sing and make music to my God. **R**

Hearken to my voice, O God, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, O God, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away;

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. **R**

Second Reading I Corinthians 1:10-18 Eleanor

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The word of the Lord; **All Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation [CP 715 Alleluia v 1](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.

What is the Word that is living? It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-23 Dianne

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader The Gospel of Christ: *All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Janice Hodgson O.D.T.

After the sermon, a silence is kept

The 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.

Prayers of the People Ruth

<i>Leader</i>	As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. <i>A brief silence.</i>
<i>People</i>	Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendour, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,
<i>People</i>	receive our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. Bring justice and freedom for the oppressed in Iran, Greenland, and Venezuela. Guide our leaders Mark, Doug, Steven and all those in authority toward right action.
<i>People</i>	receive our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick, especially Ralph & Lillian, Suzanne, Jean, Irva, Ray, Kaynaz, A.J., Debbie, Lucas, Danielle, Evelyn, Shahhin, Léandra, Avil, Hillary, Kristie, Dan, Li Choo and Frank.
<i>People</i>	receive our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture us in a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Inspire the congregations of the Inglesia Anglicana de Chile, the Peterborough Deanery, and St-Philip-on-the-Hill, Unionville: the Rev'd Stephen Kern, Incumbent, the Rev'd Ajith Varghese, Honorary Assistant, and the Rev'd Lorraine Runza, Deacon. Merciful God,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Holy Saviour, you free us from the power of death. Welcome your servants Cleo Simpson and Sheila Pilgrim to eternal joy in your presence. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Saviour.

People **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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

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.**

Commissioning of ACW Officers

Leader Rev'd Maria, I present to you these persons who have been elected to the Executive Board of the ACW of this parish in accordance with the Constitution.

Celebrant Are you willing to accept the responsibility of leadership as members of the Executive and as such to further the purposes of the ACW in this parish?

Executive I am willing.

Celebrant Will you endeavor faithfully to perform the duties of your respective offices?

Executive I will so endeavor.

Celebrant Will you strive in thought, word, and deed to encourage a strong sense of fellowship, charity and patience among all those with whom you work and lead?

Executive I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Celebrant You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

All ACW Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Celebrant *(to congregation)* Will you pray for and support these persons in their ministry among us?

Cong. **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers and bless them, your servants,
whom we install as officers of the Anglican Church Women in this parish.
Teach them to understand your holy will,
help them to fulfill their duties with devotion and care;
and give them the grace of heavenly and holy zeal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant *(to elected office-bearers)*

Marlee and Joan, I install you as co-presidents of the ACW of this parish,
in the name of God. Amen.

Anne, I install you as secretary of the ACW of this parish,
in the name of God. Amen.

Enid, I install you with Mary and Gloria as treasurers of the ACW of this parish,
in the name of God. Amen.

Sharon and Jennifer, I install you as publicity managers for the ACW of this parish,
in the name of God. Amen.

Linda and Susan, I install you as housekeeper, calendar manager and raffle coordinator for the
ACW of this parish, in the name of God. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God,
who has called these your servants to become officers
in this branch of your Church,
we pray that you will guide, strengthen and
sanctify them by your Holy Spirit.
By striving to do your will, may they,
in their service and leadership as well as their daily lives,
please you and glorify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Gather together, O Lord,
the love and service and offering of every woman in this parish.
Keep us united under your banner of love.
Lift up our eyes to see the needs of all your children everywhere.
Send us forth with joy and confidence to do your will.
This we ask in your name, Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn CP 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me. R

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me. R

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Loving God,
 before the world began you called us.
 Make holy all we offer you this day,
 and strengthen us in that calling.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

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.**

Breaking of Bread

Celebrant We break this bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**
Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God:
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

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

Agnus Dei CP 690

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those in the Virtual Chapel

We worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart;
may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, empowered by your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn CP 452 Command Your Blessing from Above

Anthem River of Glory (Dan Schutte)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Gracious God,
 our hands have taken holy things;
 Our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
 May we who have eaten at this holy table
 be strengthened for service in your world.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen**

Doxology

Celebrant 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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional CP 369 Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done;
for created light we thank thee while thine ordered seasons run:
alleluia! alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-giving breath:
alleluia! alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hope confess.
alleluia! alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia without end!

4 God the Father, Light-Creator, to thee laud and honour be;
to thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer, glory, glory be to thee:
mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, rejoicing as you serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Postlude Fugue in A minor (J.S.Bach)