



## The Sunday Sheet for The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the All-Age Eucharist  
An induction loop is provided.*

***Gluten free wafers are available*** for those who need them. Please inform one of the  
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### Entrance Hymn

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,  
the feast is ready to begin;  
the gates of heaven are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

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the feast is ready to begin;  
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and Jesus welcomes you inside.

*Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,  
come and revel in heaven's love and light;  
take your place at the table of the King,  
the feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.*

Tables are laden with good things,  
O taste the peace and joy he brings;  
He'll fill you up with love divine,  
He'll turn your water into wine.

The hungry heart he satisfies,  
offers the poor his paradise;  
now hear all heaven and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.*

Father God, you created the whole universe and all living things, but our love has been only for those like us.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you turned no one away who came to you, yet we have turned our backs on many people.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you blow where you will stirring life without prejudice, but we have been selective and judgemental.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you and set you free from sin,  
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

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Lord, God, heavenly King,  
peace you bring to us,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away our sins, Oh Lord,  
have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,  
Glory Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high,  
we glorify your name.

## The Collect

Let us pray:

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of<sup>c</sup> Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b. 1950*  
*Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

## John 1. 29-42

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' <sup>32</sup>And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>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." <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>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?' <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>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).

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Homily

*Please Sit*

### The Affirmation of Faith

*Please Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Intercessions

*Please Sit*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

**Lord, in your mercy:  
hear our prayer.**

**Lord, hear us:  
Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following*

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please Stand*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## Offertory Hymn

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.

*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.*

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.

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.

*Graham Kendrick b.1950  
Tune: Shine, Jesus, Shine*

## **The Thanksgiving**

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of  
Jesus as the Christ who makes all things new:  
renew us in him and in our lives make him known,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times  
and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as a token of our love.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
Blessed is the one who comes to us  
in your name.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as we give you thanks and praise.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may become Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come in glory.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St Kentigern, St Asaph and all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*Please Sit*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**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.**

## The Communion

*The priest breaks the bread*  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body**  
**for we all share in one bread.**

*We sing*  
**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**      The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.*

*If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.*

## Hymn at the end of Communion

Purify my heart,  
Let me be as gold and precious silver;  
Purify my heart,  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be holy,  
Set apart for you, Lord;  
I choose to be holy,  
Set apart for you, my master,  
Ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy,  
Purify my heart,  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be holy,  
Set apart for you, Lord;  
I choose to be holy,  
Set apart for you, my master,  
Ready to do your will.*

*Brian Doerksen b.1965*

*Silence is kept*

## **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom.  
And the blessing of God almighty, ✺ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Final Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960  
Tune: Faithfulness*

## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Epiphany Carol Service** at St Asaph Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 3.30pm. Come and enjoy some beautiful seasonal music and sing some seasonal hymn with our Cathedral Choir.

**Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church.** We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church

2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Dave Bradley or Marion Hughes for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation. For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



## The Week Ahead

**19<sup>th</sup> Monday – Epiphany Weekday**  
9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Epiphany Weekday**  
9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Agnes, Martyr**  
9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

**22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Epiphany Weekday**  
9am Morning Prayer  
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*  
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*  
1pm Community Tea *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Epiphany Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

## **24<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Francis de Sales**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday – The Conversion of Paul**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong & Installation  
of Canons

## **Today's Readings**

### **Isaiah 49. 1-7**

The identity of the servant in Isaiah's mind is a great mystery, but the message is clear: at the very time when God's people thought exile had become their shameful end, God reveals a plan far beyond their imagination.

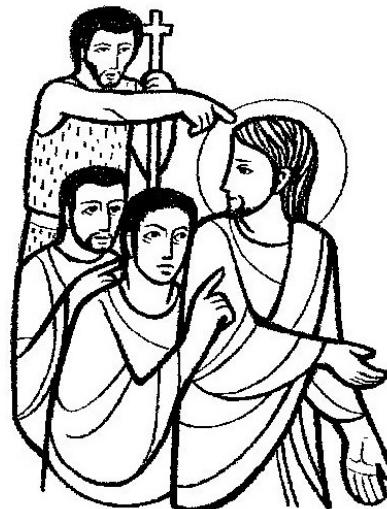
### **Psalm 40. 1-11**

### **1 Corinthians 1. 1-9**

Paul's vision of the Church was huge: "all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." In this phrase we have the universal and the particular. There is no boundary but that of confessing the name of Christ.

### **John 1. 29-42**

John's picture is astonishing: a solitary prophet points to another man who single-handedly will take away the sin of the whole world. John didn't even know how big the world was – yet he knew Christ was bigger!



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