

25 January 2026 - Epiphany 3

GATHERING SONG: 352 Will You Come And Follow Me

ENTRANCE HYMN: Stand 331 Jesus Calls Us! O'er The Tumult

GREETING

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 sins of the world,
have mercy upon us,
You are seated at the right hand,
the hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, 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

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Sit

The People Who Walked In Darkness Have Seen A Great Light

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.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

PSALM: 27

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;

whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my help.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

There Should Be No Divisions Among You

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should 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.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 4:12-23

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

'Repent, For The Kingdom Of God Has Come Near'

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, 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 lake—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.

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

Sit

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Stand

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Stand

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

℟ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: Nunc Dimitis

**Nunc dimittis servum tuum,
Domine, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace.
Domine.**

*(Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word)*

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

You can also donate using the card machine at the back if you'd prefer.

Anyone who uses the Parish Giving Scheme can use a token to indicate their giving.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Gather Us In

**Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

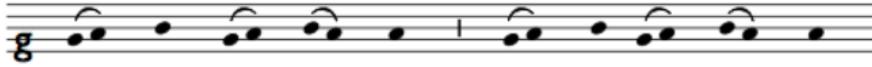
Pray, my brothers and sisters,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

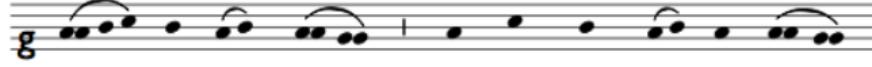
**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



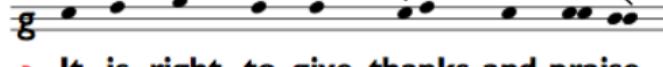
The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest continues singing the Preface ending with:

**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.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

*The Priest concludes the
Eucharistic Prayer
At the end all sing*



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

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 THE BREAD

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

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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 Your peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This 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.**

Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring your service sheet with you.

COMMUNION HYMN: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there,
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

**COMMUNION HYMN:
Let This Mind Be In You**

Let this mind be in you,
Let this mind be in you,
Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Lord.

Let this mind be in you,
Let this mind be in you,
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

**COMMUNION HYMN:
300 Lead Kindly Light (Verse 1 Only)**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

NOTICES

Sit

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

℣ May almighty God bless you,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**RECESSATIONAL HYMN:
You Walk Along Our Shoreline**

**You walk along our shoreline
When land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
"Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
Through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers
But of the human soul."**

**You call us, Christ, to gather
The people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
Those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
Across the water's face,
Our boat a common shelter
For all found by your grace.**

**We cast our net, O Jesus;
We cry the kingdom's name;
We work for love and justice;
We learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather
God's daughters and God's sons,
To let your judgment heal us
So that all may be one.**