

ONLINE WORSHIP

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026 | 10:15 am



*In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! We are delighted to worship with you this morning.
Whether a long-standing parishioner, a new member, or someone joining us for the first time,
we hope you will sense God's work within you and in this community.
May our worship strengthen, inspire, and guide us this day and always.*

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY *Andante sostenuto* from *Symphonie Gothique* Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.
Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Will you come and follow me”

Kelvingrove



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

MEDITATION

The Reverend Joshua D. Armstrong-Walters, *Rector*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Are you new to the St. John's community?
Fill out the newcomer card in the pew or scan the QR code
to help us get to know you and help you discover more about life at St. John's.*



You can make an offering from your smartphone by scanning the QR code. Use the drop-down menu to select “Donations” for a one-time offering, or “2026 Pledges” for a pledge contribution.



A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come ay be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Egil Hovland (1924-2013)



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