

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

with Zoom Option

Sunday, January 25, 2026
10:00 AM



The Calling of St Peter and St Andrew
By James Tissot¹

The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and a Territorial Acknowledgment

♪ Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CP-577

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

All **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 "Glory to God"

CP-691

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Wordⁱⁱ

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

read by Theresa

Isaiah tells of a future time when those in the northern regions of Israel, whom God subjugated to Assyrian rule, will not only be free but will also reflect God's power. Those so honoured will include people of many nations.

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 exultation; 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.

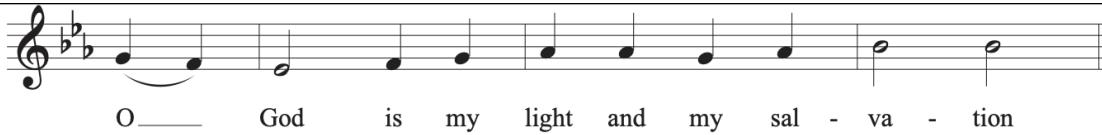
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9ⁱⁱⁱ

Our cantors are Pauline and Andy

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



O God is my light and my salvation

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? **[Refrain]**

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. **[Refrain]**

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. **[Refrain]**

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. **[Refrain]**

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.

[Refrain]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Read by Elaine

In the preceding verses, Paul has omitted mention of faith, hope and love for each other, as spiritual gifts exercised by the Christians at Corinth. Now he tackles the problem of divisions in the community. Our loyalty should be to Christ and not to particular leaders.

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 knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

All **Thanks be to God**

 **Gradual Hymn "Alleluia"**

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Alleluia 189

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

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

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.**

Jesus has been tempted by the devil in the wilderness. His responses show his complete dedication to the will and purpose of God. He has refused to use his divine power to his own human ends. Now he moves to Capernaum to launch his public ministry.

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 fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of 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 all 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 Christ

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

Affirmation of Faith

All Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
 Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
 with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
 This is the first and the great commandment.
 The second is like it:
 Love your neighbour as yourself.
 There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

led by Bob D

The leader will name aloud our parish's known prayer concerns and conclude with the following prayer:

Leader Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all the world
 worship in spirit and in truth.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May the Church discover that unity which is your will.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**
Leader May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death
 rest in peace and rise in glory.
All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.
After a period of silence, the following concluding prayer is said.*

Leader O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill
 all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all
 nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living
 body, your incarnate presence on the earth.^{iv}
All **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence is kept

Celebrant Most merciful Father;
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.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace is an invitation for us to extend the blessing of God's absolution of our sins to our neighbours. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest to you with a wave, handshake, fist bump or other greeting.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be with you this day and always.
All **And also with you. ^v**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

♪ **Offertory Hymn: "How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"**

CP-466

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray:
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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You mad a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ **Sanctus** “*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*” CP-694

**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, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.
Therefore, we proclaim our hope.
**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
All Amen.
Celebrant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our saviour taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

**All 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread forever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
So come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.^{vi}

♪ **Agnus Dei "Lamb of God"**

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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.

The Communion

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you.

May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns

*“Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness”
“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

CP-385
CP-487

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray:
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.**

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.**

Announcements

+ Blessing

Celebrant Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon you this day and always.^{vii}

All **Amen.**



Closing Hymn *“Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might”*

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Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**



You are invited to join us after the service for a time of fellowship, tea, and coffee.

ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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ⁱⁱ The introductions to the scripture readings are from [Commentaries on the Revised Common Lectionary](#)

ⁱⁱⁱ The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

^{iv} The Prayers of the People are from "Pray without Ceasing."

^v The Introduction to the Peace is from "Times and Seasons"

^{vi} Invitation words from Iota.

^{vii} The blessing is from "Times and Seasons"