

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM + January 18, 2026

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Intermezzo, Opus 76 #4

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Opening Hymn 7 “Christ, whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Opening Sentences

Officiant God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God’s majesty, and delight in the wonder of God’s love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God’s word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God’s goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ’s service.

All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

(from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95 Hymn S35

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Psalm 40:1-12

REFRAIN: Choir first, then All, repeat as directed.



A - rise shine for your light has come, And the glo-ry of the Lord has dawned up-on you.

Music by Ruth Cunningham

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

REFRAIN

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

REFRAIN

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.

12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

REFRAIN

The Lessons

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle: Splendor and Honor "Dignus es"

Ruoen



Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er Are Yours, O
Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion, By whose self -
To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, And to the



Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, For by Your bid - ding
- off - 'ring we are made God's peo - ple: A priest - ly king - dom,
Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd, Be a - do - ra - tion,



was the whole cre - a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
from all tongues and na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
praise, and glo - ry giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

Words: Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13 Dignus es Carl P. Daw Jr. b 1944

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Music: (Hymn 360) melody from Vesperale 1746

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians

Corinthians 1:1-9

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

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:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord

Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Canticle: Gloria Hymn S280

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

John 1:29-42

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

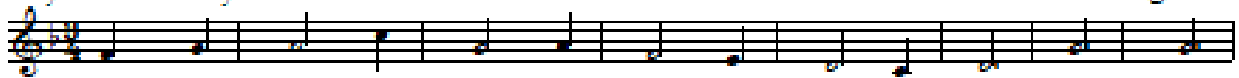
The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 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).

Reader: The Word of the Lord

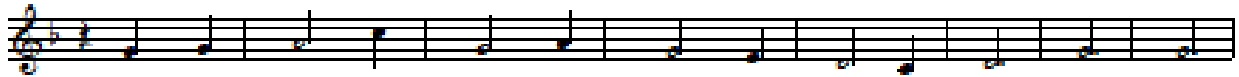
People: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: "Will you come and follow me?"

Tune: Kelvingrove



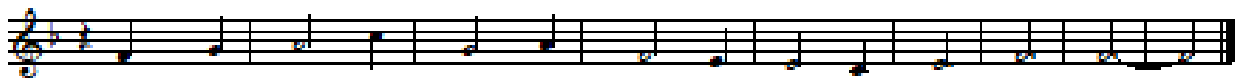
1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



1. Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
2. Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
3. Will you set the pris - 'ner free and nev - er be the same?
4. Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
5. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



1. Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
2. Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
3. Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
4. Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
5. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



1. Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
3. And ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Music: Scottish Tune, Arr. John L. Bell
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Homily

Amy B. Hunter

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements:

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Litanist and People pray responsively, kneeling as able

Litanist Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People And grant us your salvation.

Litanist Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Litanist Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in you can we live in safety.

Litanist Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Litanist Let your way be known upon earth;

People Your saving health among all nations.

Litanist	Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People	Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Litanist	Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People	And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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 may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**

not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Hymn 599 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

The Dismissal

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Intermezzo, Opus 76 #7

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome! Please contact the church office (aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org) if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin.

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