

Traditional Worship

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary 2

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism.

He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit.

In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal.

*We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One
and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless – Johann Pachelbel

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Welcome & Opening Hymn.

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME *

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN #310 *

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who calls us by name,
who takes away the sin of the world,
and who gathers us into one body.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God of light and calling,

**Assembly: you know us before we know ourselves,
and yet we turn from your voice.**

**We follow paths of fear instead of faith, division instead of love,
certainty instead of trust.**

**We confess that we have failed to bear your light
to the nations and to our neighbors.**

**We have looked past the Lamb of God standing among us,
present in the suffering, hidden in the ordinary,
calling us to follow.**

**We cling to what is familiar and resist the new thing you are doing.
Forgive us, O God.**

**Wash us in your mercy, gather us into your grace,
and set us again on the path of life,
that we may follow Jesus and share your love with the world.**

Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news:

John points and says,

"Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

In + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

We are called by name, claimed by grace,
and sent to share the light we have received.

Live as forgiven and beloved people.

Assembly: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Leader: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer,
 by your Spirit hold us forever,
 that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,
 follow you and joyfully find you,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ 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."

⁵ 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—

⁶ 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."

⁷ 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.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 40:1-11

*The cantor sings the Psalm Refrain and then the assembly joins in the refrain.
The cantor then sings the verses and the assembly joins in each refrain.*



- ¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ² The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- ³ The LORD 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 turn to enemies or to those who follow lies...*Refrain*
- ⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- ⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required...*Refrain*
- ⁷ And so I said, “Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- ⁸ ‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.’ ”
- ⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.
- ¹⁰ I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- ¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe...*Refrain*

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:1-9

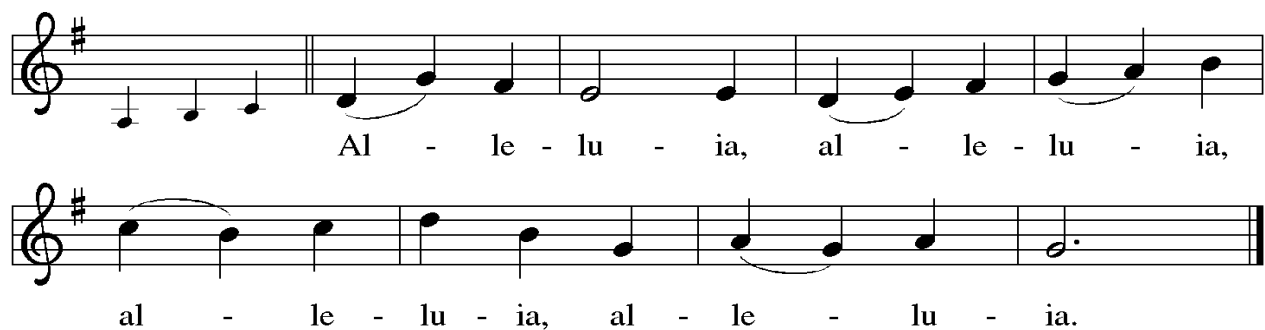
Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
² 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:
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



GOSPEL LESSON *

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

- ²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

³³ 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.’

³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ 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?” ³⁹ 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.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² 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).

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

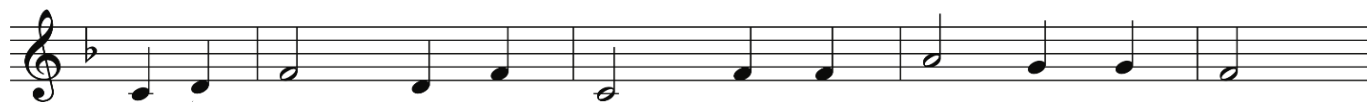
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *

The Baptist Bore Witness



1. The Bap - tist bore wit - ness to God's cho-sen One:
2. This Christ now in - vites us, the Church here to - day,
3. Be - liev - ers, called forth to make peace and u - nite,



Not on - ly a ser - vant but al - so God's Son,
Bap - tized in the Spir - it, to fol - low his way
Not on - ly God's ser - vants but al - so God's light,



Christ, bap - tized for sin - ners, the ho - ly "I AM,"
Not on - ly in word but in love's dai - ly deed,
Bring hope to the na - tions, to lands far and near,



Not on - ly a shep - herd but al - so a lamb.
With jus - tice and mer - cy for neigh - bors in need.
Pro - claim - ing sal - va - tion: "The king - dom is here!"

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APOSTLE'S 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 into hell.**

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.

PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in “Merciful God,”

Assembly: receive our prayer

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “made known to us in Christ Jesus our savior.”

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: **And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with
“peace be with you...and also with you.”*

You’re invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

If you’re worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

As we respond to hearing God’s Word and prepare to feast at God’s table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using the QR Code.



8:00 – *Agnus Dei* – from *Missa Puerorum* – Josef Rheinberger

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata Mundie, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

11:10 – *Behold the Lamb of God* – from *Messiah* – G. F. Handel

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

OFFERTORY *



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

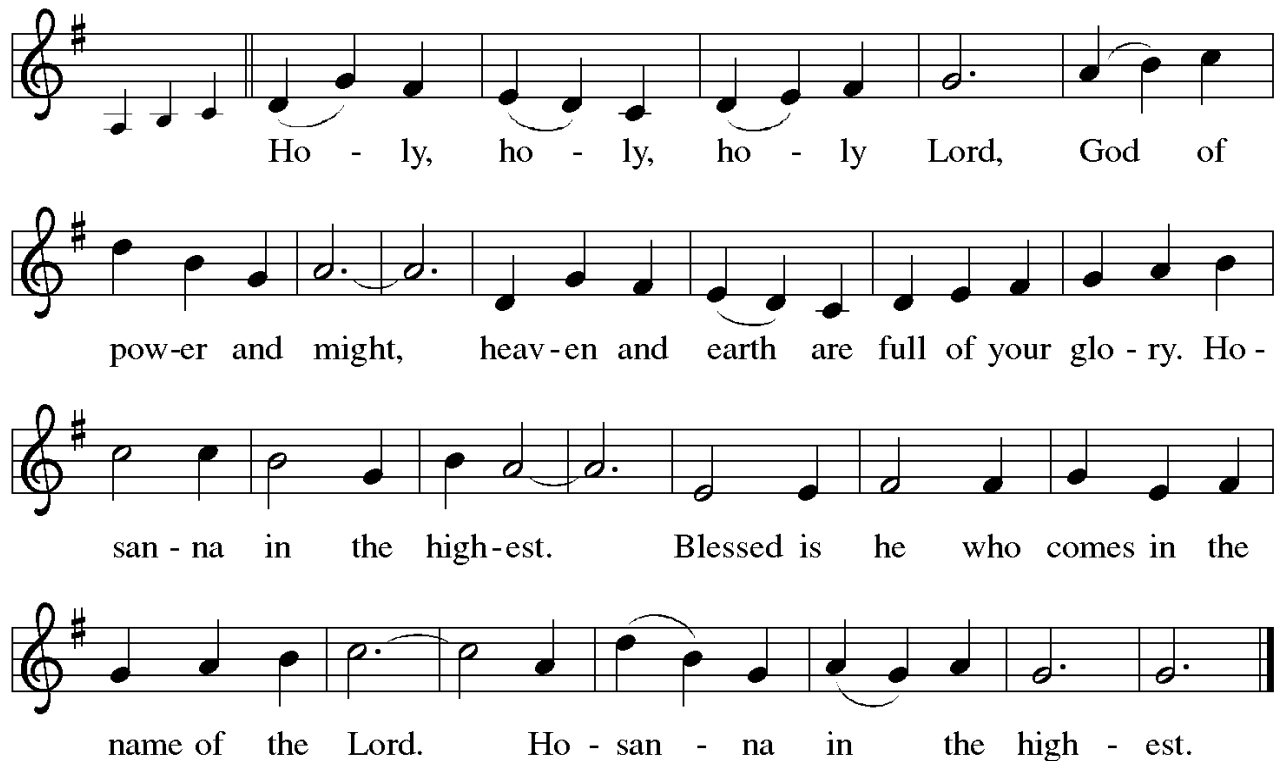
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
In the wonder of the incarnation,
you have revealed your Son as the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Called by name and drawn by grace, we are gathered into his light
and sent to bear that light to the nations.
Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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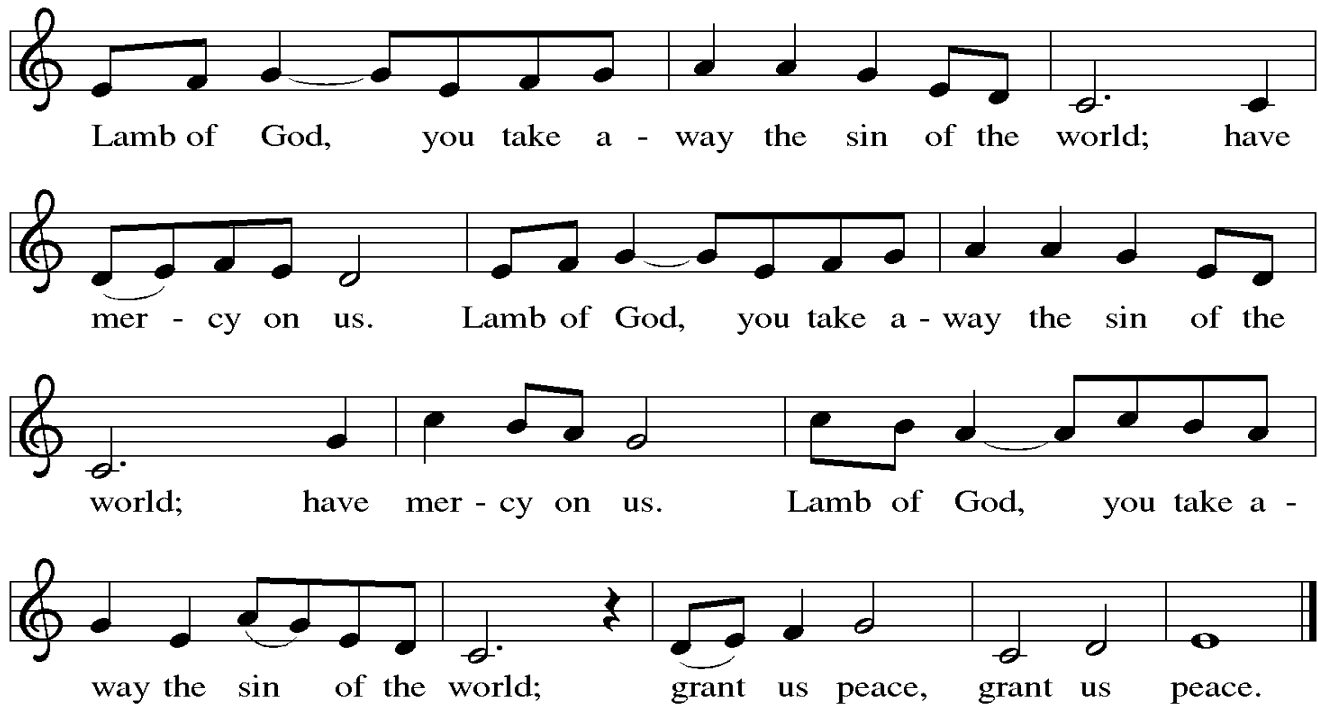
Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER *

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, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *



HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of
the cups and packaging after the service.*

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you
Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution – *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*
8:00 & 11:10 – Organ – arr. John Eggert
11:10 – Hymn #357

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: Radiant God,
 we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
 In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.
 Send us from this table with delight,
 that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
 and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Assembly: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: The God who calls you by name and reveals Jesus as the Lamb of God
 + bless you and keep you.
 The Christ who turns and asks, “*What are you looking for?*”
 walk with you, dwell with you, and lead you in the way of life.
 The Holy Spirit, who gathers disciples and sends light into the world,
 strengthen you for faithful witness and joyful service.
 And the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
 be upon you and remain with you always.
Assembly: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #668 *

O Zion, Haste

DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.
 Follow the Lamb of God.

Assembly: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *

O Zion, Haste – arr. Mark Sedio

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