



A Service for the Young
and the Young at Heart

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

18 JANUARY 2026 AT 9:15 AM
The Cathedral of the Incarnation
Garden City, New York

Welcome to *Cathedral for Kids* - *A Mass for the Young and Young at Heart*

Everyone is welcome in God's house and we are glad you're here! In the Episcopal Church, we pray using our whole bodies - our minds, our voices, our hands, and our feet. Here are few of the ways we pray together:

- ***When we sit, we listen with our ears and our hearts.*** Sitting helps us be comfortable so we are ready to receive God's Word and hear what God is speaking to our hearts in prayer.
- ***We also stand when we join our voices together in song.*** Few things make a community feel more welcoming than singing, and we invite you to participate fully in this Mass. Besides, singing together is fun!
- ***When we hear the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we make the sign of the cross.*** We touch our foreheads, our chest, our left shoulder, and our right shoulder, making the sign of the cross on our bodies. Look for the + in your bulletin indicating when you can make the sign of the cross!

In the Church Calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the season following Christmas in which Christ's light continues to grow and grow. Epiphany begins with the three kings coming from a distant land to offer gifts to the Christ-child, the Messiah of the Hebrew people - and it expands to celebrate the presence of God in the person of Jesus for the sake of the whole world. God's love is for all. Emmanuel! God with us and for us!

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to know more about our programs and services, please look for the Welcome Table at the back of the Church, ask one of our members, or email us anytime at cathedral@incarnationgc.org.

GATHERING MUSIC

*After a brief welcome, we begin our worship time together
by joining our voices in several short refrains.*

IN THE LORD I'LL EVER BE THANKFUL *(please remain seated)* Taizé

In the Lord I'll ev - er be thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to
God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is
near, lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE *(please stand)* Bruce Ballinger

We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him.
Let us lift up ho - ly hands to mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him.
We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him.
Let us lift up ho - ly hands to mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him.
We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and
Let us lift up ho - ly hands to mag - ni - fy His name and
wor - ship Christ the Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.
wor - ship Christ the Lord.

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

Presider + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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, worshiped, 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.**

After the Collect, all sit for the reading

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-5

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All young people are invited to the front to hear the Word of God and to sit on the story rug for the Sermon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all stand and sing the refrain)*

Trinity Alleluia



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

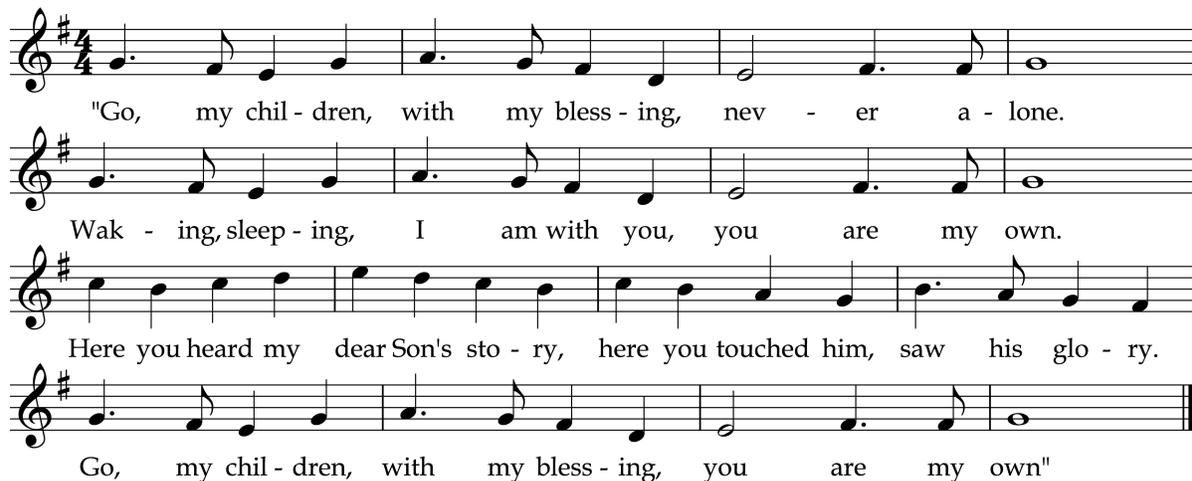
The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said 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).

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *(please be seated)*

After the Sermon, we stand to sing as the children return to their places.



"Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own"

WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

At the end of each prayer, offer your own prayers silently to God.

Loving God, we thank you for the Church, for our leaders, and for all who help us learn about your love. Help us to follow Jesus and to grow in faith and kindness.

We pray for the world, for all people in every country, and for peace where there is fighting. Guide our leaders to make good choices, and help us all to live together in peace.

We thank you for the beauty of the earth—for the skies and oceans, mountains and animals. Help us to care for the earth and not waste what you have made.

We pray for our families, our friends, and our teachers. Thank you for the people who care for us. Help us to show love, patience, and forgiveness to one another.

We pray for people who are sick, sad, or afraid. Be with them, comfort them, and bring them hope and healing.

We remember people who have died. May they rest in your love and light forever.

Dear God, help us to be kind, to speak the truth, to share what we have, and to love as Jesus loves us. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand or kneel as you are able

Deacon We pray also to you for forgiveness of our sins.

People **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 hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and 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.**

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

PREPARE THE TABLE - OFFERTORY HYMN

Please be seated as we sing the Offertory Hymn. When the ushers come to your seat, please place your offering in the basket. Today's offering supports the ministries of the Cathedral of the Incarnation.



1. A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; Show
 2. A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door; Pro -
 3. A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born, Bind
 4. A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise



forth the glo - ry of your God Which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, Good tid - ings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —



hea - ven and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -



san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. + And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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.
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.**

BREAK THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. Then all say together

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by thanksgiving.

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion in the cathedral. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like to receive gluten-free Eucharist, please tell the priest when you come forward.

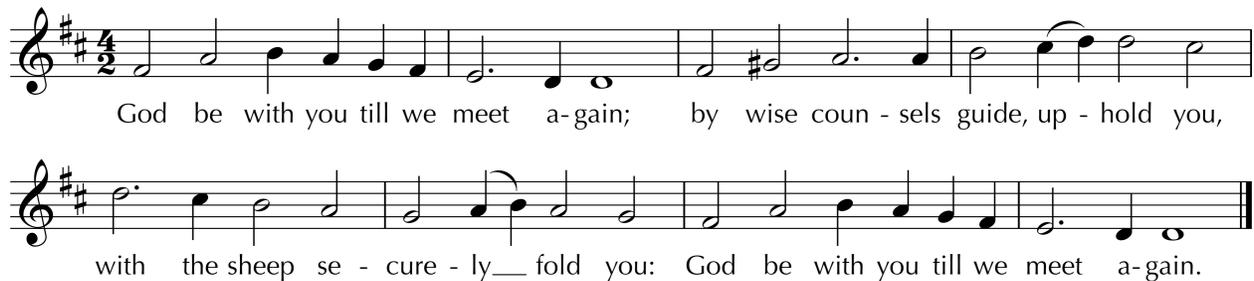
ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please remain seated)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



God be with you till we meet a-gain; by wise coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
with the sheep se - cure - ly_ fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

BLESSING & EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Greet those around you in the name of the Lord. All are invited to Fellowship in Faith, an intergenerational formation and fellowship hour held today at the **Mercer School of theology** immediately following service.*

Announcements

Weekday Masses – Mass will be offered in the Cathedral at 12:00 Noon Tuesdays through Fridays. Wednesday masses will include healing prayers.

Meditation and Contemplative Prayer – Mondays via zoom at 6:30pm see the Center for Spiritual Imagination website for links, as well as other upcoming events.

Dean's Forum and Fellowship in Faith – 10:00 am at the Mercer School – Returns today with our Community Soup Kitchen Project!

Basic Christian Formation Program – Sundays at 10:15am at the Mercer School – begins today. There is still room in this multi-week course to engage questions of faith from a Christian perspective in the Anglican tradition. Serves as both preparation for adult confirmation, reception or baptism, or as a refresher to those who want to renew their faith. Register on Realm.

Center Down with the Center for Spiritual Imagination – Saturday, January 24 in the Cathedral. Explore the depths and variety of contemplative spirituality designed to guide us in practices that center BIPOC wisdom and experience. Register on their website at spiritualimagination.org.

Cathedral Gallery – Please stop by our Cathedral Gallery in the undercroft to enjoy the winter exhibition!

On Sunday, January 18, the masses are in memory of Emily Westermann by her mother, Elizabeth. "It is holy and wholesome to remember those who have died, for they are at rest in the arms of God."

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For further information, please sign up for our eNews every Friday morning at incarnationgc.org/connect/e-news or email us at Cathedral@IncarnationGC.org

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