

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.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40

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.**

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.**

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.**

THE EPISTLE *1 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:29-42*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**T**he next day 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).

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** **The Very Rev. Dr. Canon Michael Sniffen, PhD.,**  
*Dean of the Cathedral*

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Lord, hear us.  
*People* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION BCP 331

THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I BCP 333

*The Presider says the Preface, and at the conclusion, all say*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS BCP 334

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER BCP 334

THE LORD’S PRAYER BCP 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 337

AGNUS DEI BCP 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP 337

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion in the cathedral. If you would like to receive gluten-free Eucharist, please tell the priest when you come forward.*

*Prayers for Healing and Anointing of the Sick will take place at the Baptistry for those who wish after receiving Communion as well as at the conclusion of the Mass.*

*At the end of Communion, all stand and join the Presider in saying*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 529 McKie

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



**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](http://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.

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Garden City, New York  
18 January 2026 at 8:00 AM  
Traditional Mass

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*Welcome to the Cathedral of the Incarnation, the historic Cathedral Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Page numbers in this leaflet refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP). The Holy Eucharist Rite I begins on page 323 of the BCP.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 323  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS BCP 324

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson *Isaiah 49:1-7*

**L**isten 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,