



SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 15th January
Second Sunday After Epiphany



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty and eternal God,
you rule over everything in heaven and on earth.
In mercy listen to the prayers of your people,
and give us your peace in our times.**

**We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen

OPENING SENTENCE: JOHN 1:29

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INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

LHS 335: Just as I am

**Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am - and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot -
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am - Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down -
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.**

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CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all
my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You
and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my
sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of
Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His
only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who
believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has
given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved.
Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

PSALM 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

*² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

Here I am; I delight to do your will.

*⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.^[b]*

*⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.*

Here I am; I delight to do your will.

*None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.*

Here I am; I delight to do your will.

*⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire – but my ears you have opened;^[c] –
burnt offerings and sin offerings^[d] you did not require.*

⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll.^[e]

⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.’

Here I am; I delight to do your will.

*⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.*

¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;

I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

Here I am; I delight to do your will.

*¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.*

Here I am; I delight to do your will.

**Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.**

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray to be made clean..

[silence]

*Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world.*

Take away our sin and make us your holy people.

*For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7 God's servant a light to the nations (NIVUK)

⁴⁹ Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour.' ⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due to me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God.' ⁵ And now the LORD says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am^[a] honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength – ⁶ he says: 'It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' ⁷ This is what the LORD says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: 'Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Grace and peace from God in Christ (NIVUK)

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 in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
*John said, 'Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!'*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42 Jesus the lamb of God (NIVUK)

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before

me.”³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’³² Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.’³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.”³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’^[a]³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.³⁸ Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’ They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’³⁹ ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ).⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter^[b]).

*After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.*

Praise be to You, O Christ.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
thank you for revealing yourself as the Lamb of God.
Help us to follow you and to lead others to you.*

Amen.

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

THERE IS A REDEEMER

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God. Messiah, Holy one.**

**Thank you, O our Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God. Messiah, O for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O our Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever. In that holy place.**

**Thank you, O our Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

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SERMON

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or Read and Discuss the Sermon
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For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))**

MARY'S CHILD

Born in the night Mary's Child
A long way from Your home; Coming in need
Mary's Child Born in a borrowed room

Clear shining light Mary's Child
Your face lights up our way; Light of the world
Mary's Child Dawn on our darkened day

Truth of our life Mary's Child
You tell us God is good; Prove it is true
Mary's Child Go to Your cross of wood.

Hope of the world Mary's Child
You're coming soon to reign; King of the earth
Mary's Child Walk in our streets again

Geoffrey Ainger

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Faithful God,
we thank you for calling us to be your holy people,
in fellowship with your Son.
Take our lives and our possessions
and use them for your service.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Paul reminds us of our true identity as God's holy people. We can therefore come into his presence and present our petitions and thanksgiving. So let us pray for the church, the world, and for those in need.

Heavenly Father - thank you that Jesus showed himself to be the all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. We pray for the church, that it may follow the Lamb of God in sacrificial love and clear witness to the gospel.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give us strength to participate in our congregational programs with joy and enthusiasm, privileged to be your instruments of care and witness. Bless our leaders as they plan and prepare for this New Year.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in public office, and in particular our local members of parliament and council. Guide them to make right decisions for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all professionals dealing with those in need - medical workers, social workers, emergency and relief services. Give them compassion for those they help, protect them if their work is dangerous and direct them in your will.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the healing you bring through modern medicine. Bring the sick to good health, and assure them of your eternal love and the coming resurrection. Meet the needs of all people in want including (*insert names here*) and those we know and now name in our hearts... (*brief silence*)

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, you have called your church to witness to your reconciling love for the world in Christ Jesus; help us to be true to our calling and proclaim the good news of your love, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

The LORD bless us and keep us.

The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May God's love and faithfulness
always protect you.*

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always protect you.**

WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will keep you strong to the end.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT GO

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, according to your word;
for I have seen your saving love, which you have shown to all of us.

For your salvation now is seen by all the nations of the earth:
a light to show your way to all, for glory to your chosen race.

All praise to God the Father now, all praise to Jesus Christ the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit praise, both now and evermore. Amen.

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

LHS

- 43 Gentiles, rise to greet the morning G7
- 44 Thou Light of gentile nations* G4
- 45 Hail, thou source of every blessing* G4
- 215 Arise, O God, and shine* G9
- 232 Rise, Thou light of gentile nations G4
- 898 Now, Lord, you let your servant go GS

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- 103 Send your servant down the road (*closing*)
- 104 Now, Lord, you let your servant go
- 126 The light of Christ

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

LHS

- 339 Praise to Thee and adoration* G4
- 353 Holy Father, Thou hast taught me* G5
- 617 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
- 845 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands (*closing*) G5

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- 324 Saints of all time

Gospel: John 1:29-42

LHS

48 Lamb of God most holy* G5

57 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth* G5

335 Just as I am G9

366 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult G7

748 When Christ our Lord to Jordan came* (esp vv 1,3,4) G7

749 When Christ's appearing was made known G6

AT

17 Emmanuel: God is with us

75 Jesus, Lamb of God (*liturgical song*)

82 O Lamb of God (*liturgical song*)

173 O Lamb of God (*liturgical song*)

349 There is a redeemer