



# Epiphany 2

## January 18, 2026

**WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!**  
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### **SERVING TODAY:**

Reader:	Joyce Martin
Prayer Leader:	Paula Schopflin
Children's Message:	Patricia Ayling
Ushers:	Ron Jantz, Allen Baker, Will Koski, Mark Mitchell, Corey Grubb & Bob Pirog
Altar Guild:	Diane Dewing
Communion Assistants:	Susi Laflin, Paula Schopflin, Linda Allison, Marci Waguespack, Jill Botkin and Abby & Henson Davis
Video assistant:	Garrett Purdum
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Madelynn Thompson & Nicholas Bainbridge

### **PRELUDE:**

Ron Wallace

### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Pause for silent reflection*)

Gracious God,

***Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. ***Amen.***

### **OPENING HYMN:**

#876 ***Let the Whole Creation Cry***

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

The Lord be with you.

***And also, with you.***

## Kyrie 3 & 4

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

### **Isaiah 49:1-7**

**49** 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."

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."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD,

***who stooped to me and heard my cry.***

<sup>2</sup>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.***

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

***many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall trust the LORD.***

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who put their trust in the LORD!

***They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.***

<sup>5</sup>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.***

<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

***you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.***

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

***In the scroll of the book it is written of me:***

<sup>8</sup>I love to do your will, O my God;

***your law is deep within me."***

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

***I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.***

<sup>10</sup>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.***

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

***may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.***

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>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: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life,

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia!***

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to **John**.

***Glory to you, O Lord***

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **John 1:29-42**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>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?" <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew,

Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>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).

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**MESSAGE**

**Patricia Ayling**

**At the Name of Jesus**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

SPLC Adult Choir

**HYMN**

#818

**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

vs 1, 2 & 4

O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Father, we pray for your holy Christian Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 forever. **Amen.**

*Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or scan the QR code or visit [stpaulsokc.com/online-giving](http://stpaulsokc.com/online-giving) to give online.*



**COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

### ***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night before he died for us, 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 all of 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, according to his command, O Father:

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

...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**

***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***

**DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS** Please note, there are gluten free wafers available if you need them. The cups in the center of the trays are juice, and the outer rings are wine.

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

### **THE BLESSING**

May the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Ron Wallace**

### **SENDING**

Go in Peace. Share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is open! We ask for help keeping it stocked. Please bring non-expired, nonperishable food items to the church. Feel free to place your items in the pantry cabinet (set on the north side of the main entrance) or leave items in the cart in the narthex. If you are looking for suggestions for items to bring, there are lists on the information table in the narthex.

Questions- contact Alana Adair.

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### JANUARY

**1/18- Worship & Education**

**1/19- 9am Canticle Ringers**

**1/20- 6:30 Twilight Tones**

**1/21- Wednesday night activities**

5:45 Meal- *tba*

6:30 Education & Choir

**1/23-24- Youth Lock-in- CANCELLED**

**1/25- Worship & Education**

*Blackwelder Brass*

**1/26- 9am Canticle Ringers**

**1/27- 6:30 Twilight Tones**

**1/28- Wednesday night activities**

5:45 Meal - *tba*

6:30 Education & Choir