

Sunday 19th January 2026 Second Sunday of Epiphany Unity and
Covenant (Thorne)

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Greeting

Psalm 40. 1-12

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

First hymn - AM 101 In our darkness light has shone (tune 698i)

B

Pray for Rocks as they leave

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn- AM 805 There is a redeemer

C

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is read – John 1:29-42

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Covenant

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience. In this covenant God promises us new life in

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Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God. We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God. Let us then seek forgiveness for the sin by which we have denied God's claim upon us.
God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him and afraid to bear the cross:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities and fail to be good stewards of your creation:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn and selfish in sharing your love with others:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

Silence is kept

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May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, let us again claim for ourselves this covenant which God has made with his people, and take upon us the yoke of Christ. This means that we are content that he appoint us our place and work, and that he himself be our reward. Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us. Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace. Lord God, holy Father, since you have called us through Christ to share in this gracious covenant, we take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience and, for love of you, engage ourselves to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own but yours.

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,

exalted for you or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

**And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.**

**And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in
heaven. Amen.**

Lord our God,
you have helped us by your grace
to make these prayers,
and you have promised through Christ our Lord
that when two or three agree in his name
you will grant what they ask.

Answer now your servants' prayers
according to their needs;
in this world grant that we may truly know you,
and in the world to come
graciously give us eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions

Commissioning

The peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant it that peace and unity which is according to your will.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

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Deacon: Peace be with all worshipping online. Let us offer one
another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn- AM. 427 Behold the lamb who bears our sins
away

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Eucharistic prayer B

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

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

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
By him, your only Son, who restored to us peace through the
blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism we might
become his body.

Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples

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to work marvels by innumerable gifts and an abundant variety of
graces.

Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love, we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels in their triumphant hymn of praise:
Holy Holy...

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St Peter and St Paul and all the
saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in
one bread.**

-Agnus Dei

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and
I shall be healed.**

The Administration of Communion

Video: Remembrance song

Communion Anthem: EFA p 48 Bethlehem of noblest cities. Trad
English folk tune arranged by Alan Bullard

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Post Communion Collect and Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen.

Notices

Final Hymn- AM 678 In Christ alone

The Blessing and Dismissal

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all.

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Refreshments

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