

Church of the Ascension  
Season of Epiphany

*Sunday, January 18, 2026*

Prelude

Opening Hymn - CP #560 - God, Whose Almighty Word

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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 Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Collect Prayer:

**Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the  
radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the  
ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings - Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1;1-9; John 1:29-42

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Gospel is read.*

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Homily

Anthem (when appointed)

Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all you mind and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

**Let us open our hearts to God's healing as we confess:**

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

Absolution

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn - CP #273 - Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple

Prayer over the Gifts:

**Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, Loving God, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, ...And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, god of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (X2)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (X2)**

Blessed are you, ...  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore, **his preaching, his healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.**

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through Christ all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both 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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Reception of Communion*

Communion Hymn - CP #61 - As We Gather at Your Table

Prayer after Communion:

**God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Doxology

**Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn - CP #341 - God of Mercy, God of Grace

Dismissal - Go with the light of Christ in your hearts.

**Thanks be to God.**