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Second Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday January 19th, 2020

*Hymns:* 120, 379, 374, 658



*Epiphany* continues, and today Jesus is shown to be the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Not a lion, please note, or some animal of great strength and power, but a lamb. The power of Jesus will be seen in apparent weakness, and sacrifice.

For your prayers

For the wider Church especially Justin our archbishop, Sarah our bishop, and Graham our area bishop

For the needs of the world; for the Middle East; for the people of Australia.

For our local community

For the sick and the suffering

For the departed especially those whom we have known and loved

## Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## First Reading *Isaiah 49.1-7*

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.  
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 laboured 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, 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 honoured 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.'

## Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 40.2, 4, 7-10*

R Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. R

You delight not in sacrifice and offerings,  
but in an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Then I said, "See, I have come." R

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:

“I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your instruction lies deep within me.” R

Your justice I have proclaimed

in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;

you know it, O LORD. R

Second Reading                      *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.

Gospel Reading                      *John 1.29-42*

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards 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).

## Notices

Refreshments after worship do come into the church hall for tea or coffee after the service.

Thursday eucharist this week at 10am.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Eucharist with ashing at 7.30pm.

Lent course there will be an opportunity to learn together more about our faith during Lent on the following Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Vicarage: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

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