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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY January 19, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

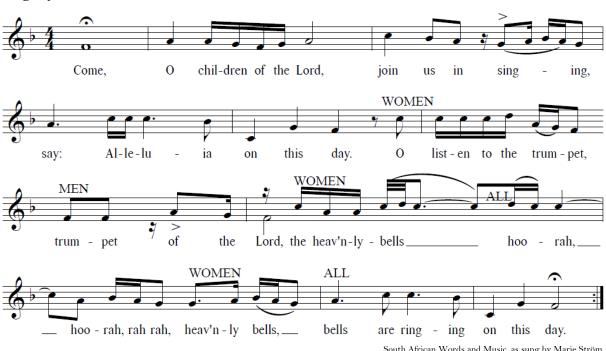
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GATHERING

Opening Hymn

"Come, O Children of the Lord"



South African Words and Music, as sung by Marie Ström.

Acclamation

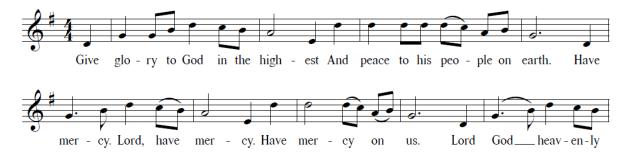
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

- Welcome
- Collect (Prayer) for Purity (said by all)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis





+ Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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, worshipped, 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 for ever. **Amen.**

WORD Please be seated.

First Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-12 (please remain seated ~ congregation sings verses in bold)



Your love, O LORD, reaches /to the heav'ns, * and your faithfulness /to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like /the great deep; * you save both man and /beast, O LORD.

How priceless is your /love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow /of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance /of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of /your delights.

For with you is the /well of life, *
and in your light /we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to /those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are /true of heart.

Let not the foot of the /proud come near me, nor the hand of the wicked push /me aside.

See how they are fallen, those /who work wickedness! they are cast down and shall not be a-/ble to rise.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of

The Psalms are prayers and songs to God from ancient Jewish worship that speak so powerfully to the human condition that they were incorporated into the Bible. Sometimes, they lift up voices of joyful praise. Other times, they speak from the places of deepest lament and sorrow.

tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation (cantor begins, the people repeat "Alleluia")



Verse: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

+ Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Chris Lilley

+ Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Place your hands together in prayer and move them back and forth.

(hands at forehead)God be in my head and in my thinking.(hands at mouth)God be in my mouth and in my speaking.(hands at heart)God be in my heart and in my loving.(hands open palms up)God be in my hands and in my helping.

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom. O God, You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives, and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.

By your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

This week as we remember the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

By your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

The Nicene Creed is a confession of faith from the fourth century that affirms the two great mysteries of Christian faith: that ultimate reality (God) is a community of love (the Trinity) and that God joins us in our life and suffering (the Incarnation of Jesus). We say it in unity with followers of Jesus around the world and across the ages.

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love.

By your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

By your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.

By your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Let us now pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember especially Juola Haga, who died this week.

You are invited add your prayers, silently or aloud.

+ Prayer for Africa

God bless Africa, Guard her people, Guide her leaders, And give her peace. This Prayer for Africa was written by Father Trevor Huddleston (1913– 1998), an Anglican priest known for anti-apartheid work, and is used in many churches across the continent.

Presider: Use us, Holy One, to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son, that our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and forever. **Amen.**© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Confession and Absolution (please kneel as you are able)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

When we've heard God's word from the Bible and the sermon, and offered our communal prayers for the healing of ourselves and all of creation, we take a moment to be honest about our brokenness—and to hear God's steadfast promise of forgiveness and mercy. We then share the peace with each other as a sign of our reconciliation in Christ.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

+ Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

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Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn "Bayavuya" Ba-ya-vu-ya, ba-ya-vu-ya, ba-ya-vu - ya, tu ba - kho. Ba - ya-vu - y'a Ba - ya-vuya-vu - y'a ban - tu ba - kho. Ba - ya-vuban - tu ba-kho. Ba - ya-vu-I - sa-ba-tha, i - sa-ba-tha, ba-ya-vu-ya. y'a I - sa-ba-tha, y'a ban - tu ba - kho. sa-ba - tha nam - hla Nkosa-ba - tha ban - tu ba - kho. nam - hla Nko-To repeat Last time

i - sa-ba-tha._

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Ba-ya-vu-ya,

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Ba - ya-vu-

Ba - ya-vu - si.

Ba - ya-vu-

Lord, your people are happy.

si.

i - sa-ba-tha,

i - sa-ba-tha,

+ Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

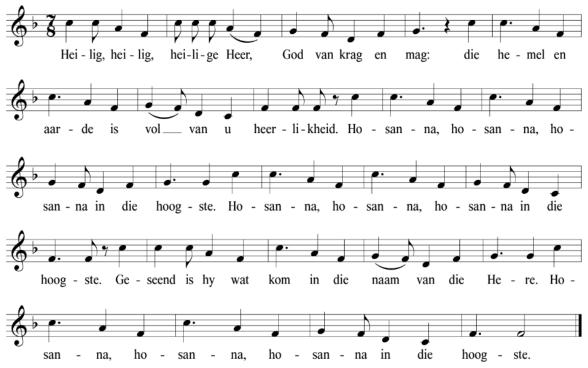
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

+ Sanctus and benedictus



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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Beatrice, Matthew, and all your people into the joy of our

true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

+ The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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

+ Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you who take away our sins: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you who take away our sins: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you who take away our sins: grant us your peace.

+ Invitation to Communion

The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him. So come to this table you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward to receive communion.

If you cannot come forward for communion, please let an usher know and a clergy person will come to you.

We offer bread broken from a common loaf and wine from a common cup. The church teaches that you have received fully if you only receive the bread. If you choose to receive the wine, you are encouraged to drink directly from the common cup rather than to dip.

There are also individually-wrapped gluten-free wafers and a pewter chalice reserved for gluten-free.

If you would like the prayer team to pray for you, another person or family, or a local or global situation, please come to the side chapel after receiving communion. Please let them know if you would prefer they wear a mask.

Hymn During Communion

"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"

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+ Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's great heavenly banquet, to which people from every tribe and nation are invited, we are sent forward into the world to participate in God's healing of all creation. When the liturgy ends, our lives of service and worship continue beyond these doors, shaped by how God has met us here.

After we experience this foretaste of

Amen.

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SENDING

+ Sending of Eucharistic Visitors (when requested)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N., to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

+ Blessing

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; savour its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit be upon you, that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Final blessing from the Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation, Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Closing Hymn

"Thuma Mina"

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our God.

Thanks be to God.

If you are new to St. Matthew's and would like to learn more about our church, you are invited to come forward immediately after the service for a seven-minute welcome led by Michelle Chiezah.

Our South African liturgy is in memory of the Rev. Jannie Swart (1962–2014).

Scripture readings next week (The Third Sunday after the Epiphany): Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Announcements

Faith Formation

St. Matthew's offers faith formation for all ages each week. For more information on Sunday School and youth group, contact Mia Millares at **kids@stmatthewsmn.org**. For more information on the Faith Forum series on liturgy, please contact Chris Lilley at **chrisl@stmatthewsmn.org**. For more information on the Sunday Morning Book Group, please contact Linda López at **lindablopez@gmail.com**.

Newcomers Class

At noon after the service today, all newcomers are invited to come to the library downstairs and enjoy some time together asking questions, sharing stories, enjoying fellowship, and getting some reading materials. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen Odney at **gnodney@icloud.com**.

Family Service Fair

Following this morning's Eucharist, join us for an intergenerational fair where we do service projects to help the community! The service projects will benefit the Blue House, Episcopal Homes, Project Home, and more!

Bearing Witness

Kirsten Whitson will present her solo cello program *Bearing Witness* featuring pieces reflecting genocide, global racial injustice, and cultural loss **this evening** at 5:00 pm. We will invite donations at the door of \$20. Any excess over Kirsten's fee will go to Interfaith Action's work with asylum seekers.

Funeral Service for Juola Haga

Juola Haga passed away last Sunday. There will be a funeral service for him next **Saturday, January 25,** at 11:00 am, followed by a reception downstairs.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is next **Sunday, January 26,** at 9:00 am. We will share a potluck meal before the meeting, starting at 8:45 am. Please bring an egg dish, fruit, juice, or baked goods to share.

Congregational Calendar

Sunday, January 19 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- 9:15 am Faith Forum (library)
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Parish Hall)
- 9:15 am Sunday Morning Book Group (Gathering Room)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Chris Lilley preaching (sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Family Service Fair (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 noon Newcomers Class (library)
- 5:00 pm Bearing Witness (sanctuary)

Monday, January 20

7:00 pm Community Singalong (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, January 22

- 12:00 noon Noonday Eucharist and Lunch (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Choir practice (sanctuary)

Saturday, January 25

- 9:30 am Centering Prayer (library)
- 11:00 am Funeral for Juola Haga (sanctuary)

Sunday, January 26 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:45 am Community Breakfast (Parish Hall
- 9:00 am Annual Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Matthew Roberts preaching (sanctuary)
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm Community Art Show Reception (Parish Hall)

All weekdays

• 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer (Zoom)

For more information about any of these offerings or the Zoom links, please email office@stmatthewsmn.org.

Prayer list

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

ECMN Intercessory Calendar: Please pray for all who serve those in need of food, clothing and warm spaces during the cold winter months; pray for all ministries for our youngest members within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults.

Prayers: Pat, Nancy, Ann, Jesse, Maya, and Rio, Bonnie, Chris, Sarah, and family, Mary, Jenny, Dan, Elaine, Evelynne, Callum and Boden, Peg, June, Jarrett, Jon, Martha, Chris and Kristine, James and Barbara, Richard, Larry and Pam, Larry, Tom and Elaine, Nevin, Judy, Ruth and family, Jewel, Ken, Michael, Michele, Gail, Raquel.

Deceased: (recent) Juola Haga; (Parish History) John L. Dockstader, Hjalmar August-Anderson, Edward G. Luckel, Marjorie Monachesi, Donna Jean (Best) Bulger, Elizabeth Mack, Jelmer P. Bengston, Henry John Sparks, George Monahan, Clara Wilder Bowdish, Henry Albert Taarud, Ellen Mound, Helen Margaret Howley, Eliza Anna McMorran, Gordon "Gus" Donhowe.

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Today's worship leaders

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Julie Lilley and Michaela Lilley, prayer leaders
Kennedy Nyenya, verger
Clara Hosch, Lewis McEachron, and Sophia Powell, acolytes
Rick Kush and Dan White, ushers
Elizabeth Hosch and Karen Dickson, chalice bearers
Dan and Judy Johnson, Healing Prayer
Paul Kiehne, live-streaming
Mollie Jenkins and Liam Kiehne, nursery
Sylvie Christensen and Aine Johnson, childcare assistants
Michelle Chiezah, seven-minute welcome
Kathryn Grambsch and Dave McKenna, counters
Terese Lewis, hospitality team coordinator

Christopher Sibilia, cantor
Jenny Bach, Peter Cartford, Lars Christensen, David Colwell, Laura Corcoran, Heather Craig,
Elaine Eyre, Kristine Granias, Lynn Jenkins, Judy Jones, Susan Jones,
Dave McKenna, Christopher Sibilia, and Dave Wilkowske, choir



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