

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2018**



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

# Welcome!

*We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.*

*Prelude*

*Words of welcome*

*Please rise as you are able to sing our opening Hymn No. 560 in Common Praise.*

- 1 God, whose almighty Word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!**
- 2 Saviour, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now for all humankind  
let there be light!**
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!**

**4 Gracious and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride:  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light!**

*Priest* +The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We invite you to kneel for our opening prayer*

*All* **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.**

*Please rise as you are able to sing together the 'Gloria in Excelsis.'*

**Vivo**

(org.) *f* Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and  
Fa - ther, we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

**poco meno mosso**  
*mp*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the

**Tempo Primo**  
*f*  
 right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

*ff*  
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

*Priest*

Let us pray.

*All*

**God our creator,  
 who in the beginning, commanded the light  
 to shine out of the darkness:  
 we pray that the light  
 of the glorious gospel of Christ  
 may shine into the hearts of all your people,  
 and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
 in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Children's focus*

*Please sit for a reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (Chapter 18.15-20)*

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I

will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated to chant Psalm 111*

*Cantor sings Refrain*

The fear of the Lord is the be - gin - ing of wis - dom.

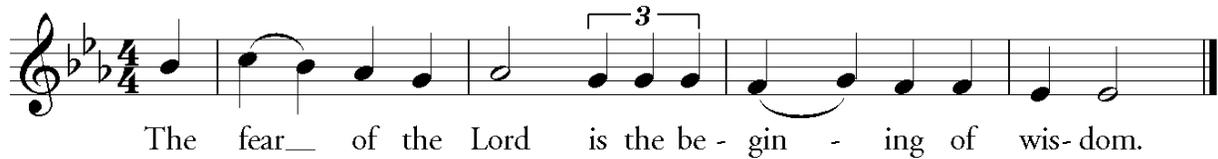
*All sing Refrain*

*Choir only* <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my 'whole 'heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the 'con-'gregation.  
<sup>2</sup> Great are the 'deeds of the 'Lord! \*  
They are studied by all who de-'light in 'them.  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord, your work is full of 'majesty and 'splendour, \*  
and your righteousness en-'dures for 'ever.  
<sup>4</sup> You make your marvellous works to 'be re-'remembered; \*  
you are gracious and full 'of com-'passion.

*All sing Refrain*

*Choir only* <sup>5</sup> You give food to 'those who 'fear you; \*  
you are ever mindful 'of your 'covenant.  
<sup>6</sup> You have shown your people the power 'of your 'works \*  
in giving them the lands 'of the 'nations.  
<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are 'faithfulness and 'justice; \*  
all your command-'ments are 'sure.  
<sup>8</sup> They stand fast for 'ever and 'ever, \*  
because they are done in 'truth and 'equity.

*All sing Refrain*



*Choir only*    <sup>9</sup> You send redemption to your people;  
you commanded your 'covenant for 'ever; \*  
                  holy and awesome 'is your 'name.  
<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the be-'ginning of 'wisdom; \*  
                  those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
                  the praise of the Lord en-'dures for 'ever.

*All sing Refrain*

*Please sit for a reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*  
*(Chapter 8.1-13)*

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-

block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Reader*  
*All*

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

*Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual Hymn No. 572 in Common Praise*

- 1 Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face;**
- 2 open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;**
- 3 perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgment,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;**
- 4 hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be thy name;**
- 5 thy kingdom come,  
thy spirit turn to language,  
thy people speak together,  
thy spirit never fade;**



**6 let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.**

*Sermon*            The Venerable John Stephens

*After a time of reflection, please rise as you are able*

*Priest*            Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
*All*                **I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please remain standing or kneel for our prayers*

*At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People:*

*Intercessor*        Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and  
St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we  
commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.  
Merciful Father:

*All*                    **Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Confession and Absolution*

*Priest*                Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

*Priest*                Most merciful God,  
*All*                    **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 neighbours 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.**

*Priest*                Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*                    **Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able for the Peace*

*Priest*                The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*                    **And also with you.**

*Please exchange a sign of peace*

*During the singing of Hymn No 486, a collection will be taken.*

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**
- 3 Finish then thy new creation  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Prayer over the gifts*

*Priest* God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And al- so 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.

**Priest** Blessed are you, gracious God,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
 and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
 to be the light of all peoples.  
 Therefore with angels and archangels  
 we raise our voices in joyful praise  
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Allegretto* *mf*  
 (organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
*mf*  
 high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
*ff*  
 Lord. Ho - san - - na in the high - est.

**Priest** We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
 for the goodness and love  
 you have made known to us in creation;  
 in calling Israel to be your people;

in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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 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, Creator of all, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*All*

*Priest*

and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, source of all being,  
now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Priest*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All*

**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.**

*Priest* Creator of all,  
 you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
 whose many grains we have gathered  
 and made into this one bread.

*All* **So may your Church be gathered  
 from the ends of the earth  
 into your kingdom.**

*Priest* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Larghetto**

(org.) *mp* Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy on us. **REPEAT** **Descant** Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world. *pp* Grant us peace.

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive Communion at our altar. If you wish to receive a blessing please come at the same time. Intinction is not permitted as it contaminates the wine. It is acceptable to receive either bread or wine only.*

*If you are unable to make your way to the altar please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available.*

**The sacrament of healing is available in the side chapel during Communion.**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest*                      Source of all goodness,  
in this eucharist  
we are nourished by the bread of heaven  
and invigorated with new wine.  
May these gifts renew our lives,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*All*                              **Amen.**

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

*We sit for the notices*

*Please rise as you are able for the Blessing*

*Priest*                      The peace of God which passes all understanding keep  
your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of  
God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

*All*                              **Amen.**

*We sing our final Hymn No 393 in Common Praise*

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.**
- 4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

*The organ postlude is to uplift us as we go out into the world. Kindly refrain from applauding. Please join us in the Trendell Lounge for refreshments.*



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# Winter Bible Study Series

Join the SJS clergy for an interactive  
Christian Formation Series  
to discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday.

Classes will be located in the church  
from approximately 10:10am to 11:15am.  
Everyone welcome!

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Wednesday mornings from  
January 17 to February 7  
right after the 9:30am service

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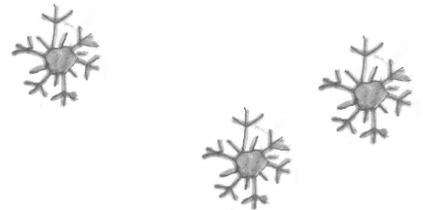
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

### Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

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Meeting Jesus  
in the Gospel of John

# Lenten Study

*Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

is a five-week journey into deeper intimacy with God through praying with the words of John the Evangelist.

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