

Sunday 8th February 2026
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn CAHON 217 God is love, let heaven adore him

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson **1 Corinthians 2: 1-12**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 2, verses 1-12.

¹When I, [Paul,] came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him’—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Sun 9am Here endeth the Epistle.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 13-20

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5, verses 13 to 20.

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[Jesus taught his disciples:] ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sun 9am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Intercessions led by Philip.

We offer particular prayers for

Masami, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Bill, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Joseph, Johnny, Alice, Alison B.; The family and friends of Ruth Hepburn; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers;
Ruth Hepburn who died recently.

Those in our **Year's Mind** this week:

George Hay, Ronald Hanson, Margaret Brownlie-Marshall, Cecil Toyne, Mary Ambrose

Offertory Hymn CAHON 517 O love that wilt not let me go

Anthems Blessed Are the Pure in Heart Walford Davies
 God Be in my Head Walford Davies

Post Communion Prayer for The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling.

May we who share in this heavenly banquet
be instruments of your peace on earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn CAHON 314 Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

Readings for the day

Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 112: 1-9; *1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; *Matthew 5: 13-20

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