



# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Matthew 5:12

Rejoice and be glad, for your  
reward is great in heaven.



Sun, Feb 1st, 2026

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## COLLECT

Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
    by the riches of your grace,  
    and in the renewal of our lives  
        make known your glory;  
    through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
    one God, now and for ever.

## MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## PSALM 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and

foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## **MATTHEW 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

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.

### **Prayer After Communion**

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.

Sunday, February 8th, 2026  
The Presentation of the Lord

**MALACHI 3:1-4, PSALM 24:7-10  
HEBREWS 2:14-18, LUKE 2:22-40**

from our website...

<http://STSTEPHENSDOWNSVIEW.CA>

...and our weekly email newsletter

**WORSHIP  
THIS  
WEEK**



SET YOUR CALENDAR FOR...

\*Sunday Worship 11AM

\*Morning Prayers (see below)

\*Devotions TUE 7PM



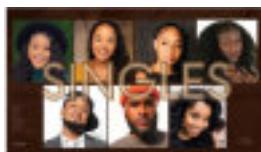
COFFEEE, TEA, SNACKS...

Join us in the Parish Hall after worship for fellowship... and... coffee, tea, and snacks.



**Kickoff Black History Month...**

... Sun Feb 1st, 4:30p at St James Cathedral, with music by MOKA, guest speaker Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson...



**Stage Play by Dr Elaine Brown**

Elaine spoke at St Stephen's WOSS conference. Her new play, "SINGLES", debuts on Valentines Day weekend...



**Parish Hall Availability...**

Our website shows shows reservations for the next 12 months. To reserve, contact the parish office.



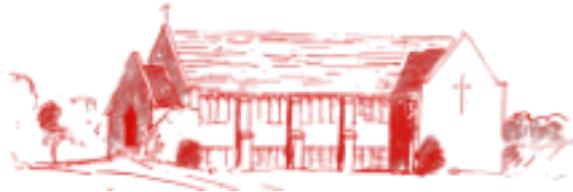
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**World Day of Prayer**

On Fri Mar 6th, St Stephen's host the World Day of Prayer service prepared by the WDP Committee of Nigeria.



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## READINGS

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PSALM 15

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

[bb375 Jesus Shall Reign](#)

MATTHEW 5:1-12

## OFFERTORY

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Prayer Over the Gifts



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Email



## WELCOME

The Opening Sentence

[bb104 O Worship the King](#)

The Gathering

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The Collect

Sermon

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## MEDITATION

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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## EUCARIST

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Prayer & Silence

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The Breaking of Bread

The Communion

[rb259 Thou Art The Way](#)

[bb552 I am Thine, O Lord](#)

[bb319 Near the Cross](#)

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Prayer After Communion

The Blessing

## CLOSE

[bb045 Crown Him with Many...](#)

Dismissal

After Worship Fellowship