

Bouquet Caboodle



Highland Lectionary Series

January 18, 2026

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

A Word About the Season of Epiphany

Revealing of Jesus to the world
Magi visit - Baptism of Jesus - Transfiguration
Light as the dominant image

Thread of “Seeing Jesus”

*I will give you as a light to the nations
Many will see and fear
The testimony has been strengthened
I myself have seen and testified
Come and See*

Seeing Jesus Today in the Age of His Reign

The story of Thomas: John 20:29
Do we get to “see Jesus” or not? 2 Cor 3:17-18
In a little while, no, a little while, yes: John 16:16
Difference between direct and indirect modes
Nuances of the word “know”
Expectations beyond the mental
Whose responsibility for the contact? John 6:44
Wait for the revealing of the Lord: 1 Corinthians 1:7
Desire as the key catalyst: Philippians 3:10; Matt 7:7-8

The Key Excerpts for This Week's Thematic Thread:

"Seeing Jesus"

Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 49:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
<p>5 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 honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—</p> <p>6 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.”</p> <p>7 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.”</p>	<p>I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.</p> <p>10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.</p> <p>11 Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.</p>	<p>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 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: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 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.’ 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” 35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 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?” 39 He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.</p>

Next Week's Readings: What thread do you discern?

January 25, 2026 - Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23