



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: Stephanie Backes & Monika Durbin

Opening Hymn: "In Christ Alone" (See insert)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

*Take, O take me as I am; Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Acts 4:1-3, 18-31

¹ The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day...

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!" ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they cried out together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and

everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.'

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 40: 1-9 (read responsively by half verse)

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay;
**he set my feet upon a high cliff
and made my footing sure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
**many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
**They do not resort to evil spirits
or turn to false gods.**

5 Great things are they that you have done,
O Lord my God!

**How great your wonders and your plans for us!
There is none who can be compared with you.**

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
you have given me ears to hear you;

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'**

Sequence Hymn: "To Be Like You"

*Humble King, Holy One. Friend of sinners God's own Son.
God in flesh among men, you walked my road,
You understand
All I want all I need, more of You less of me
Take this life Lord it's Yours, have my heart have it all*

The Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-42

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: ACTS (P2): *Turning the World Upside Down*
The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone. (Silence)*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. (Silence)

For the just and proper use of your creation;
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
(Silence)*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy. (Silence)*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the
Truth. (Silence)*

For our church prayer list and for all who have
died. *(Silence)*

For the special needs and concerns of those around us here
today. *(Silence)*

And, Lord, for all the blessings of our lives;
We give you thanks. (Silence)

The Confession

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.*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Amazing Grace” - Stephanie Backes & Monika Durbin

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn: “Here’s my Heart, Lord” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “Behold the Lamb” (See insert)

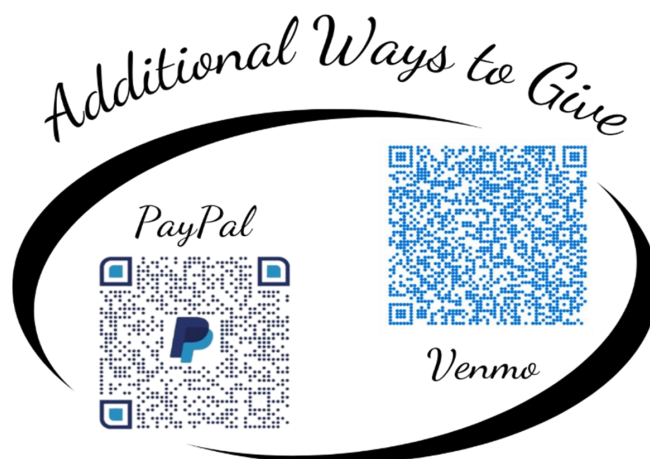
Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; And for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 494: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

The Dismissal



NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS' TABLE



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Nancy Gibbons. Chalice Bearer: Kathy Bleeker. Readers: Chip Lands, Nancy Gibbons.

10:30am: DOD: Howard Johnson. Acolytes: Sierra Dixon, Grace Andrew. Chalice Bearers: Laurie White, Angela Hinkle. Readers: Steve Lukow, Wanda Reed.

Home communion Volunteers:

Trista Miller & Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes:

Week 1) Chapters 1-3

Week 2) Chapters 4-8

Week 3) Chapters 9-12

Week 4) Chapters 13-15

Week 5) Chapters 16-21

Week 6) Chapters 22-28

Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks.
Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

Requested Prayer

Barbara Coats, Marquerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Becky Johnson, Jack Silverwood, Nancy Silverwood, Angel Rodriguez, Adrienne Fulford, Joy Van Caster

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville,

James Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven, Steven Bonello, David Boyer, Nicholas Crimaucho, Donald Gibbons

Repose of the Soul

Marilyn Pruitt, Michael M., Renee Good, Sarah Bennett

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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