



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Vision Sunday

January 25, 2026

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “New Wine”

Opening Hymn 488: “Be Thou My Vision”

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

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 9: 1-19*

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.

⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem.¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 27: 1, 5-7 (read responsively by half verse)

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek;

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life;**

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his
shelter;

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Sequence Hymn: "Seek First"



The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Message: Acts (P3): The Spread & The Surprise

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)

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so
freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and
sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and
our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and
play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering
and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

For the things we now name to you in the silence of our
hearts or aloud together today—*(Silence).*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 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 to 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 Hymn: “Ubi Caritas” (See insert)

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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

Communion Hymn 525: “The Church’s One Foundation”

Communion Hymn: “New Every Morning” (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Christ Be Our Light”

With our own eyes, we see salvation. Within our hearts, we are set free. Your word made flesh, hope for the nations. Light for the world to see!

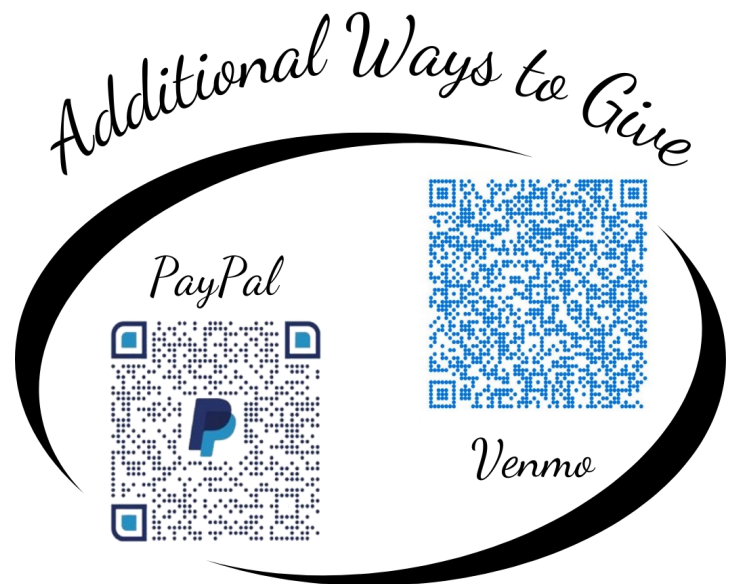
(Refrain) *Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant, and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt’ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight! (Refrain)*

First Annual Church Photo!

This will be very quick! Visiting or Newly Attending? Jump into the photo. Also, please walk over and grab a great, free lunch—grilled chicken, hamburgers, and lots of delicious potluck side dishes! So glad you were with us today and hope to see you again soon.

The Dismissal



Serving Today

10:30am: DOD: Tiffanie Coleman. Acolytes: Bella Rider, Stella Dixon.. Chalice Bearer: Miya May. Readers: Rachel Holder, Johnny Armstrong.

Home Communion Volunteers:

CJ Moffett

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, the Holmes Family, the Cooper Family, Angela Bottesine, Narry Barker

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 Crimaudo, Donald Gibbons, Patrick Resler

Repose of the Soul

Michael M., Renee Good, Sarah Bennett, Jan Rust

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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