



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 2026

The Service of the Word

Good morning! We love our love for one another! Please help us to begin the tradition of preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of stillness and quiet once our Opening Voluntary begins (approx. 10:28). Of course, don't forget to offer each other grace upon grace, as our Lord always does.

Opening Voluntary: "My Lord What a Morning"

Opening Hymn 178: "Alleluia"

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: "Seek First"

*I will seek first Your Kingdom
I will seek first Your righteousness
Everything I need You will provide for me
My heart is to seek first Your Kingdom*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Acts 28:16-17,23-31

¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him. ¹⁷ Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders... ²³ He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. ²⁴ Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. ²⁵ They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ 'Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but

never perceiving." ²⁷ For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and the have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

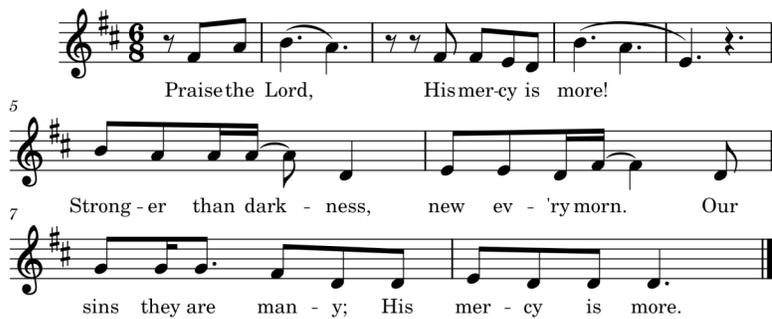
²⁸ "Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!" ²⁹ ³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 99 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble;
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Sequence Hymn: "His Mercy is More"



The Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: "The Down Coming"

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)

The 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 those in positions of public trust

That they may promote the dignity of every human being; (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)

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins *(Silence)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things done and left undone;

And so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Additional Ways to Give

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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 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: “Every Praise”

*Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise, every praise is to our God

God my Savior! God my Healer!
God my Deliverer. Yes He is, yes He is!*

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 380: “From All that Dwell”

Communion Hymn: “Shepherd” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “Eye Has Not Seen”

(Refrain) Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love Him; Spirit of Love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom Of God.

*When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. (Refrain)
Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade, yet all our days are in Your hands, so we return In love what love has made. (Refrain)*

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world. (Refrain)

We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, living song of God. (Refrain)

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 522: “Glorious Things”

The Dismissal

Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Linda Bish. Chalice Bearer: Hunter Walker
Readers: Chip Lands, Ed Austin

10:30am: DOD: Wanda Reed. Acolytes: Landree Williams, McKenzie Simpler. Chalice Bearers: Eden Ridgeway, Sabrina Merritt. Readers: Stephen Bell, Sarah Tarkus

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.*

Prayer

Barbara Coats, Marguerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, Holmes Family, Cooper Family, Angela Bottesine, Narry Barker, Carter Family, Lisa Green

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman,

Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimaudo, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, Taylor Knueven

Repose of the Soul

Jan Rust, Alex Pretti, Al Carter

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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