



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 8, 2026

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “Give me Jesus”

Opening Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies*

*(Refrain) Lord of all to Thee we raise,
This our grateful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light (Refrain)*

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 400: “All Creatures of our God and King”

*All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voices and let us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Acts 17:22-29

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.

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

Psalm: 112:1-10 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
**their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor,
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.**
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Sequence Hymn: "Open"

Bridge



Take my life and let it be a ho-ly of-fer-
-ing, Here I am Lord, all of me, I sur-
-ren- der ev- 'ry thing.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-20*

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: "Discovering God in Unexpected Places"

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 person;

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)

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.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 420: “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

The Dismissal

Offertory Hymn: “Make me a Channel of Your Peace” (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 according to his command, O Father.
People *We remember his death.*
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

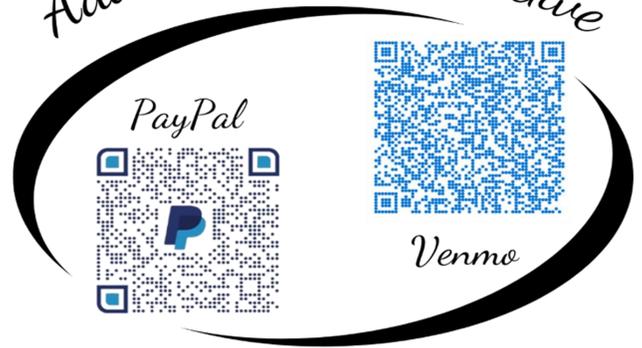
Communion Hymn: “May the Peoples Praise You” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “Restless” (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.

Additional Ways to Give



NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS’ TABLE



God wants more than our worship; God wants our help for the hungry. Please note, our Food Pantry is made available after worship and we have a Community Hour each Sunday at 11:45. Ask a priest or usher if you need assistance.

Serving Today

8:00am: DOD: Mary Shontz. Chalice Bearer: Kathy Bleeker. Readers: Nancy Gibbons, Isabelle Peterson.

10:30am: DOD: Susan Bell. Acolytes: Lamar Parsley, Sierra Dixon. Chalice Bearers: Vicki Dollhousen, Angela Hinkle. Readers: Sarah Tarkus, John Holder

Home Communion Volunteers:
Roslyn Guyette & Luke Umbreit

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 List

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 Crimauado, Nicholas Pinkston,
Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven
Bonello, Taylor Knueven

Repose of the Soul

Michael M, Renee Good, Sarah Bennett, 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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