



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.*

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Please silence your electronic devices.  
Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary	<i>Caprice sur les grands jeux</i>	L. N. Clerambault
Introit	<i>The kings of the earth rise up</i>	G. F. Handel
Processional Hymn	<i>"Christ upon the mountain peak"</i>	Hymn 129

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**Gloria in excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

Hymnal S 280  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus (24:12-18)

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

- 1 Why are the nations/ in an /uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples/ mutter empty /threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes /plot to/gether, \*  
against the Lord /and against his A/nointed?
- 3 "Let us break their /yoke," they /say; \*  
"let us cast /off their bonds from /us."
- 4 He whose throne is in/ heaven is /laughing; \*  
the Lord /has them in de/rision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them /in his/ wrath, \*  
and his /rage fills them with /terror.
- 6 "I myself have /set my /king \*  
upon my /holy hill of /Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree/ of the /Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have /I begotten /you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for/ your in/heritance \*  
and the ends of the /earth for your pos/session.
- 9 You shall crush them with an /iron/ rod \*  
and shatter them/ like a piece of /pottery."
- 10 And now, you /kings, be/ wise; \*  
be warned, you /rulers of the /earth.
- 11 Submit to the/ Lord with /fear, \*  
and with /trembling bow be/fore him;
- 12 Lest he be angry /and you /perish; \*  
for his /wrath is quickly /kindled.

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Ray Francis Brown  
(1897-1965)



13 Happy /are they /all \*  
who /take refuge in/ him!

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Peter (1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Sequence Hymn "Alleluia, song of gladness" Hymn 123

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (17:1-9)  
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."

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

The Sermon "Jesus' Character Reveal" The Rev. John Adams

*Ideas to ponder*

- How do you respond upon learning that someone is more than you thought they were?
- How might we follow Jesus as more than just a wise teacher?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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 and 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.

### The Prayers of the People Form III

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 387

Reader      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People**     *That we all may be one.*

Reader      Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People**     *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader      We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Karin, our bishop-elect, and all  
**People**     priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader      We pray for Donald, our President, and all who govern and hold authority in  
**People**     the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader      Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People**     *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader      Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People**     *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader      Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**People**     *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader      We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People**     *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader      Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially *Sue, Julia, Jennifer, Mallory, Hope, Doug, Leon, John, Ginger C., Jay J., David, Margaret, and Ashley F.*

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

### Confession of Sin

*Kneeling or standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Peace Standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*The Peace* may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

*Offertory Anthem* "He Whom Angels Worship" Trad. Irish, arr. Alan Bullard

*The Doxology:* "Hymn 380 v. 3" Old 100<sup>th</sup>

All: 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.

*The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A* Standing BCP 361

*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 our God.  
*Celebrant*

BCP 361-362

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People* Hymnal S 125

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 and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 366

*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 celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

Hymn 618

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary

*Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness*

J. G. Walther

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Lucy Brown Coleman  
by Rives Brown Coleman and Lucy Coleman Mutch*

*The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Ruth and Milton Barber  
By Gus, Lloyd, and family*

### Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On February 16, we will conclude Lamentations, a collection of poems responding to the sack of Jerusalem. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

### Jambalaya and Trivia Night

On February 17 (Shrove Tuesday), we will enjoy a supper of jambalaya, salad, and bread (organized by the Women's Club) followed by a game of Festive February Trivia (hosted by Fr. John). This is an excellent opportunity to invite your friends to join us for fellowship; if you plan to attend, please RSVP on the Church's website under volunteers so we have a better idea of how much food to prepare. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm, and the game will conclude before 8:00.

### Ash Wednesday

On February 18, Ash Wednesday services (including the imposition of ashes, the litany of penitence, and Holy Eucharist) will be offered at Noon and 7:00 pm, both in the church. Fr. John will also be participating in an ecumenical service at 2:30 pm in the chapel at Kings Grant.

### Lenten Program

Our 2026 Lenten program will take place in the Undercroft on Monday evenings (February 23 through March 23) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. After a light supper of soup, Fr. John will lead Canon Fodder, a program considering the history of how the Bible came to be and what was left out of the canon (the 66 books comprising the Bible as we know it).

## Loaves & Fishes

Ron Probst and Kelly Cain have graciously volunteered to serve as L&F leaders. Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) resumes on **February 25**, with dinner being served from 5:00 to 6:00. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. **Sign up on our website under volunteers or contact the Church office.**

## Camera Operators Needed

Since the Covid shutdown, Christ Church has continued to livestream our Sunday services to Facebook, allowing members who live at Kings Grant, who are on vacation, or who are otherwise unable to attend in-person to remain connected with the worship of our community. We are hoping to add a few more people to the rotation in order to continue providing these videos; if you are willing to help with this ministry (it's not particularly hard once you've done it a couple of times), please let Rives or Fr. John know.

**Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for February - March: Assorted canned greens (turnip, collard, etc.). For February: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and other hygiene items. There are many families in our community that struggle all of the seasons of the year. But, your participation in our mission to help is priceless, and we thank you so much for your dedication. Remember to pick up our assigned items when you visit the grocery store. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Will Zimmer

Chalice: Jay Dickens, Nancy Spilman

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Ben Beeler, Michael Hodges

Camera Operator:

Counters: Bob Weatherall, Rives Coleman

Altar Guild: Team #1 - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

## 2026 Christ Church Vestry

**Year 3:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 2:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

**Year 1:** Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst