



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 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      *Toccata and Pastorale*      Johann Pachelbel

## *Toccata and Pastorale*

## Johann Pachelbel

**Processional Hymn      "How bright appears the Morning Star"      Hymn 497**

*“How bright appears the Morning Star”*

## Hymn 497

**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

## Hymnal S 280

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.

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.**

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

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reader      A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalm 40:1-12      *Expectans, expectavi*

- 1 I waited patiently u/pon 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 re/quired, \*  
and so I /said, "Behold, I /come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written con/cerning /me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is /deep in my /heart.'"

S 214

Ray Francis Brown  
(1897-1965)

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great/ congre/gation; \*  
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
 and /that, O Lord, you/ know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and /your de/liverance; \*  
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness/ from the great congre/gation.

12 You are the Lord;  
 do not withhold your com/passion from /me; \*  
 let your love and your faithfulness /keep me safe for /ever.

**Reader** A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (1:1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**                   *“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”*                   **Hymn 7**

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (1:29-42)  
**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 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).

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

## The Sermon

### Ideas to ponder

- How do you remember the story of Peter's call?
- Who might you invite to come and see?

## 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

## "Come and see"

The Rev. John Adams

### 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, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
People      *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  
the nations of the world;  
People      *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; *especially Ruth and Pat.*  
People      *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Reader People We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;  
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, Joe, John, Ginger C., Jay J., David, Margaret, Ashley F., Mattie, Audrey Grace, Dorothy, the Barber family, and the Dickens family.*

*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.*

*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      "Saw You Never in the Twilight"      Austin Lovelace

**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*

*Kneeling or standing*

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

*Kneeling or standing*

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

## Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

*Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant                    We have found the Messiah                    John 1, Psalm 34

Communion Music                    "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"                    Hymn 324

Once all have received, the celebrant says Let us pray.

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                    "Songs of thankfulness and praise"                    Hymn 135

Celebrant   Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People      Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary                    To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ                    Johann Pachelbel

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are  
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Linda Wall Isley  
By Ran Isley, Philip, Elizabeth and families*

### 2025 Pledges

If you're making a 2025 pledge payment, please specify "2025 pledge" in the memo line on your check. All checks not marked will be deposited to the 2026 pledge payments.

### 2026 Pledges

To this point, we have received 49 pledges totaling \$215,550 for 2026, compared to 54 totaling \$234,410 for 2025. Thank you! If you have not yet done so, we ask that you take some time to pray about your giving to Christ Church this year and submit your pledge as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or from the office.

### Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On January 19, we will continue the Song of Songs, a collection of Hebrew love poetry, beginning with chapter 4. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

## **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 **January 28**, 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.**

## **Mark Your Calendars**

On February 17 (Shrove Tuesday), we will have Supper and Trivia Night in the Undercroft; more details as the month progresses.

**Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for January - March: Assorted canned greens (turnip, collard, etc.). For January: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, 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:** Kelly Cain

**Chalice:** Bob Bushnell, John Swezey

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Hank Long, Dan Cahill

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Linda O'Dell, Kelly Cain

**Altar Guild:** Team #5 - Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens,

Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

**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

**Let Father John or Deborah know if someone needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.**