



*Grace Episcopal Church*  
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 15, 2026  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

PROCESSION HYMN #618 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

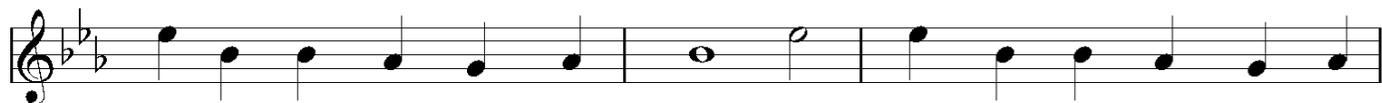
*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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 (Sung by all)**

*Organ* *Unison Voices*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,  
 al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
*slower* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
 have mer - cy up - on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand  
*a tempo* of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone  
 are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*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.**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 99** (*responsively, by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess his Name, which is great  
and awesome;  
he is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness  
in Jacob."**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool;  
he is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his  
Name,  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered  
them.**

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that  
he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O Lord our God, you answered them  
indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Peter 1: 16-21

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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.

- The Word of the Lord    **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #137 (vv. 1-3)

*O wondrous type! O vision fair*



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly



1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us



1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.  
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

*Celebrant* 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."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #137 (vv. 4-5)

*O wondrous type! O vision fair*

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Stephen Becker

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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.

392 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; we pray for Donald our President, Josh our Governor, Jason our Mayor, and John and Tommy our Councilmen;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; and Ed our Priest; and all other bishops and ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, **Josey** Parker, and **Brianna** Cantrall,

and those with special needs:

**Ed** Kelaher, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Ella** Asebes, **Louise** Billings, **Tom** Blalock, **Sissy** Bolstad, **Cindy** Bowman, **Judy** Boyd, **Alice** Brandon, **Lynne** Broch, **Jack** Buckheit, **Gayle** Burke, **Seraphina** Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Jim** Clodfelter, **Bob** Cook, **Linda** Cox, **Dylan** Daw, **Susan** Dixon, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Shana** Garland, **Angie** Gowen, **Lilly** Griffin, **Jane** Grimes, **Jimmy** Hall, **George** Hanna, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Jennifer & Michael** Hinton, **Chris** Hodges, **Bob** Holcomb, **Marlene** Jones, **Ray** Kent, **Lisa** Lightfoot, **Lloyd** Lohr, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Kate** McKenzie, **Charles** McNeair, **Arnold** Miller, **Angela** Mott, **Walker** Peoples, **Gabby** Plott, **Ellen** Rickert, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Betty Jo** Sadler, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Lisa** Shepherd, **Carol** Sills, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Morgan** Simmons, **Robin** Sink, **Clyde** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Austen** Sprinkle, **Jenny** Hedrick Stilwell, **Sean** Sullivan, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Sandy** Wallace, **Patricia** Wardle, **Flynn** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, **Charlotte** Young, and **Edward**.

“Are there others?”

Hear us, Lord; *People For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.      *Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;      *People*    ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.      *Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;      *People*    ***Who put their trust in you.***

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.      *Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*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.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## **THE PEACE**

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

*People*          **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      The Huron Carol “*Twas in the Moon of Winter-Time*” – arr. R. Hobby

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**      *The offering is brought forward as the hymn is played.*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS HYMN #112 (v. 4)**

*In the bleak midwinter*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.*

367 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

*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.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (Sung by All)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people may stand or kneel*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<p>364 <b>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,</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
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### 364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine. Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally. If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

*During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able*

May the light of Christ shine in your hearts, may you listen for God's voice, and follow Jesus in love and courage. And may the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL HYMN #593 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

**366 THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
 by the Allred Family  
 in honor of Blair Allred and Kathy Johnson  
 on their birthdays this month.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**Lector:** Kathie Goodman      **Intercessor:** Staley Nance  
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Tommy Black      **Ushers:** Doug Hartzog  
Miles Cleckley      Joe Wallace  
**Acolytes:** Hadley Briggs      **Greeter:** Penny Taylor  
Tucker Sheets  
**Guest Priest:** The Rev. Stephen Becker  
Analise Petruzzi

### WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall (in the adjacent building) for refreshments and conversation. **Today's hosts are Sally Dodd, Sandy Reynolds, and Donna Wiederhold.**

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

**During Holy Communion**, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

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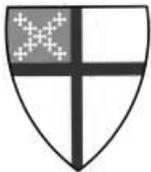
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### THE VESTRY

2026

Karl Bolstad  
Bright Carter  
Sally Dodd  
Henry Duquette Junior Warden

2027

Dan Briggs  
Elizabeth Purdy  
Mary Matthews Clerk of Vestry  
Leslie Sheets Senior Warden

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Kristi Allred  
Lynn Meeks Treasurer  
Neil Shepherd  
Chuck Taylor

Vestry Class of 2029: Kristie Miller, Marjorie Parker, Cathy Riggan, and Mary-Cameron Welborn