



# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism

February 15, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

*The liturgy is taken from the Scottish Liturgy 1982 (Revised 2022).*

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Introitus from *Missa Brevis*

Zoltán Kodály

## THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 135 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Salzburg

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Presider* Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON [*The people are seated.*]

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

David Boulware-Kelley

*The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.*



- 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 together, \*  
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 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 derision. [Ref.]
- 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 inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery." [Ref.]
- 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 before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him! [Ref.]

#### THE SECOND LESSON

2 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Mowsley

*Sung by all, standing. During the singing of the Sequence Hymn, children through second grade may follow the Dove Cross to Children's Chapel.*

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, 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."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Jon Strand

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

## **PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

LAYLA JONES GANJALIZADEH

*Presider*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present Layla Jones to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Presider*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Presider*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Presider asks the following questions*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with her who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Layla Jones, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Layla Jones, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

We meet in Christ's name.

**Let us share his peace.** [*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*]

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. As the offering is brought forward to the altar, all stand.*

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "My eyes for beauty pine"**

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine,

One splendor thence is shed

And every gentle heart

My soul for Goddes grace,

From all the stars above:

That burns with true desire,

No other care nor hope is mine,

'Tis named when God's name is said,

Is lit from eyes that mirror part

To heaven I turn my face.

'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

Of that celestial fire.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** [*The people stand.*]

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider proceeds*

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. [*The Presider continues.*]

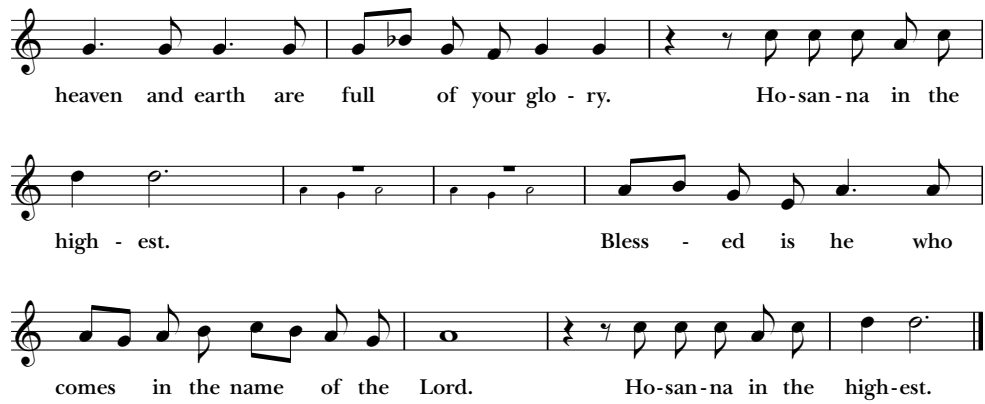
...we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**SANCTUS, HYMNAL, S 128**

William Mathias

*Sung by all.*





heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

*The Presider continues*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider* The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

*People* **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

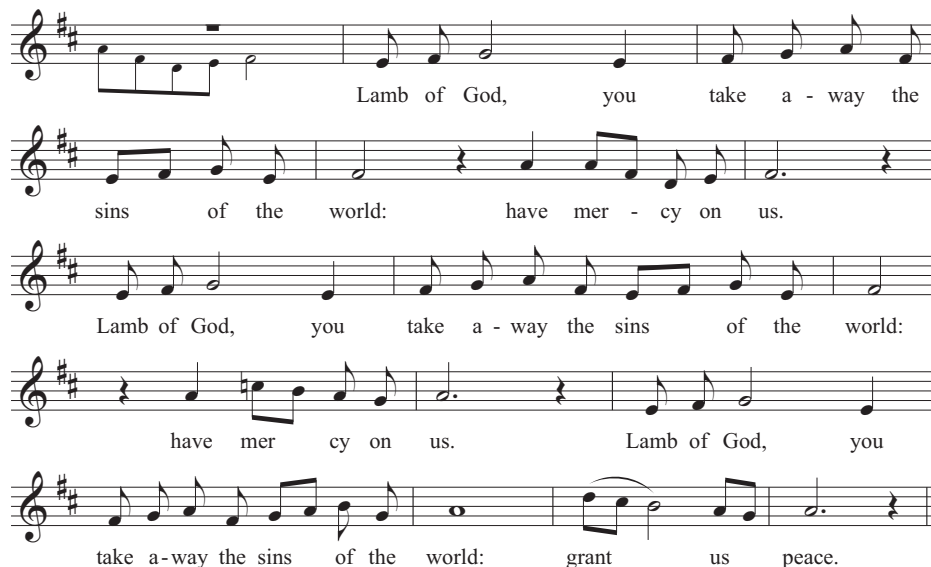
*Presider* As our Savior has taught us, so we pray:

*People* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, MASS OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

David Boulware-Kelley

*Sung by all.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

#### INVITATION *[The People are seated.]*

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comforter. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC *[Sung by all.]*

HYMN 307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

HYMN 134 "O Light of Light, Love given birth"

*Bryn Calfaria  
Jesu dulcis memoria*

**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Presider* In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Give thanks to our gracious God:

*People* **whose mercy endures forever. Holy and life-giving God, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of God's kingdom; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 137** "O wondrous type! O vision fair"

*Wareham*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** "Ite, missa est" ("Go, the mass is ended") *from Missa Brevis*

Zoltán Kodály

# Prayer List for February 15, 2026

We Pray for those who are sick, in need, preparing for or recovering from surgery, especially the following:

## PARISHIONERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY

- All youth who are struggling in this uncertain time
- All those looking for work
- Sherryl and Bob Dorch as they mourn the death of Sheryl's father
- Maggie and David Grove as they mourn the death of Maggie's mother, Elsa
- Dorothy Doty's healing
- Christine Brooks as she mourns the death of her sister Patricia
- Matt and Gini Barazia as they mourn the death of Matt's brother Michael
- Don Webster's successful recovery from surgery
- Mitzi Halla and family as they mourn Roman's death
- Christine Brooks' healing
- Gretchen Willis's healing
- Sue van der Veer's peace and comfort
- Wesley Harrison's healing

## EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FORMER PARISHIONERS

### Prayers for Healing:

Carolyn Thompson; Brink Miller; Paul Kimmel; Harold; Anne Brooks; Lori Obert Drake; Susan Spencer-Ray; Jill Halloran; Kitty Procaccini; Doug Wigner; Daniel Stephan; Kristin Eggleston; Bruce Haslam; Susan Graceson; Fred Bruger; Karen; Heidi Ross; Eva B.; Chantel Winkfield; Rossana Carney; Abby.

### Prayers for Comfort:

Charles Crocker, Sr. Regina Boyle

### Other Prayers:

Brenda Pisarkiewicz and family as they mourn John's death;  
Sandra's and her family's safety and well-being living in Israel.

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### We Pray for parishioners and family members, military and civilian, serving our country away from home:

Wallace Brown, Recruit, US Marine Corps (son of Robert and Treeby Brown); Air Force Senior Airman Matthew Bacigalupo (son of Debbie and Tom Bacigalupo); Navy Command Master Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Bertera (son of Bill and Nancy Bertera); Army Captain Kyle Coker (son of Elys McLean and Chris Coker); Air Force Senior Airman Princess Ann Cordero (daughter-in-law of Barbara Kiser); Army Captain Richard Gannon (son of Rich and Sarah Gannon); Navy Lieutenant Commander Curtis Khol (son of Curtis and Michele Khol); Army Major Erik Kiser (nephew of Barbara Kiser); Navy Lieutenant Commanders Lillian and Jack Montana (daughter and son-in-law of Philene and Paul Ware Dunn); Army Captain Josh Smithers (great-nephew of Ann Buxton); and Navy Midshipman Third Class Andrew Turner (son of David Turner and Liz Williams). We also remember in prayer everyone affected by war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Haiti, and Sudan.

### We Pray for Expectant Mothers:

Victoria McGruder (Jan), daughter-in-law of Dawn and Rich McGruder; Sarah Thompson Murray (Mar), daughter-in-law of Bill and Linda Murray.

### We pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Jack Robinson, father of parishioner Sherryl Dorch;  
Donna Bauman, aunt of parishioner Shelly Malone;  
The Rev. Bridget Tierney, friend of the Rev. Melissa Fauci;  
John Pisarkiewicz, husband of Brenda Pisarkiewicz.

*To place names on the Prayer List, please contact Shelia Creswell at [sreswell@verizon.net](mailto:sreswell@verizon.net). Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless directed otherwise.*

**Flower Donations for the Sanctuary and Chapel:** We welcome the gift of flowers at the Sanctuary altar for weekly services. The cost is \$50, tax deductible, as a gift to the church. After services, the flowers are delivered to home-bound parishioners. Download the form at [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com) (Worship) and submit to the Church Office two weeks prior to your requested date along with your check. You may pay online at [bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline](https://bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline) (select "Flowers" from the Fund menu). For Chapel flower donations, please contact Lolly Mixter at [lollymix@gmail.com](mailto:lollymix@gmail.com).

## Visitors and Newcomers

*Thank you for joining us. We hope you'll return often.*

- **Saturday Church at 5 p.m.** includes readings, prayers, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available).
- **Sunday Church at 10 a.m.** includes hymns, readings, prayers, sermon, and communion (gluten-free available). Livestreamed on YouTube.
- **The Nursery** for children through age 4 is open Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–noon. It is located downstairs; accessed by the stairwell next to the entry to the Sanctuary.
- **Children's Chapel:** At the 10 a.m. service our younger parishioners meet together in the Chapel during the Gospel and sermon to read a book together and worship using simple prayers and songs. As the year progresses we also include some age-appropriate hands-on learning about our worship and liturgy. Our books and sharing are oriented towards kids ages 3 through 2nd grade, but all ages (and older helpers) are always welcome.
- **Sunday School for Children 4 years old–6th Grade:** We invite all kids Pre-K to 6th grade to join us as we learn and share ministry together in engaging programs that meet all children where they are on their faith journeys. We hope you'll join us this Sunday from 11:15 to noon. Registering for your first class at [bit.ly/HoCo-Children-Register-25-26](https://bit.ly/HoCo-Children-Register-25-26) is helpful but not necessary, and you are welcome to bring a friend to check out our programs. We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Contact Keith Joseph, Director of Children's Formation and Family Ministries, at [kjoseph@holycorforter.com](mailto:kjoseph@holycorforter.com).
- **Sunday School and Activities for Youth 7th–12th Grade:** All parents of youth 7th–12th grade—please register at [bit.ly/HoCo-Youth-Register-25-26](https://bit.ly/HoCo-Youth-Register-25-26) to receive notifications and to allow us to plan activities for the church year (even if your youth has been active in Youth Ministries in previous years). The form allows you to register your youth for multiple offerings such as Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, Mission Trip, and Reading Team. If you would like us to include other offerings or you have suggestions on how we can help foster fellowship or provide support to your youth in any way, please contact Denis McMullan, Director of Youth Ministries, at [dcmullan@holycorforter.com](mailto:dcmullan@holycorforter.com).
- **Visit our Welcome Center** at [www.holycorforter.com](http://www.holycorforter.com) or complete a newcomer card found in the pews.
- **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.**

## February Outreach Spotlight: ARISE Campus Ministry



Last week we introduced **Arise Campus Ministry** as our February Spotlight charity. Arise serves students from George Mason University and NOVA Community Colleges. The grant they received from Holy Comforter last year helped distribute 2,232 meals on campus.

As well as addressing food insecurity, Arise is the only LGBTQ+ affirming Christian campus ministry at George Mason University. Giving a safe space to support Christians who identify as LGBTQ+ has been life-giving to so many students, allowing them to authentically live out their faith on campus. Learn more about Arise at [arisecampusministry.org](http://arisecampusministry.org) and see the table in the narthex. To donate to our grant fund, which will be allocated to over 20 charities at the end of the year, scan the Giving QR code and select “Outreach” in the Fund menu, or place a check or cash in the green envelopes in your pew.

### Ash Wednesday is February 18

- **12:10 p.m.** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary)
- **1:15 p.m.** Drive-Thru Communion with Imposition of Ashes (Front Circle)
- **6:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Children's Service (Chapel)
- **7:30 p.m.** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary with Choir)\*

\* **There will be incense at the 7:30 p.m. service.**

### 2nd Saturday Church AND All-Parish Chili Cook-Off & Game Night Saturday, Feb. 21

- **5 p.m.** - Engaging Worship: Chapel
- **6–8:30 p.m.** - Chili Cook-off & Game Night; Community Hall

All are invited to our next 2nd Saturday Church on Feb. 21 (yes, on the third Saturday this month!) Think your chili can win? Throw your hat in the ring for a chance at top prizes. Don't want to cook? Just bring a game and an appetite! Salad, sides, and kid-friendly options will be provided. Please RSVP at [bit.ly/HoCo-chili-02-21-26](https://bit.ly/HoCo-chili-02-21-26).

**Want to join the “A-Team”? We need volunteers to help keep the Chili Cook-Off & Game Night running smoothly. If you can help, please contact Keith Joseph at [kjoseph@holycorforter.com](mailto:kjoseph@holycorforter.com)!**

### Intro to Healing Prayer

Sundays, Feb. 22 and Mar. 1

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; Room 125 (the old Music Room)

Please join us for a deeper dive into the practice of healing prayer. All are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Questions? Please contact Alexandra MacCracken at [amaccracken@holycorforter.com](mailto:amaccracken@holycorforter.com).

### HOLY COMFORTER CONCERT SERIES

#### Washington Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, Feb. 22; 4–6 p.m.

The next concert in the Holy Comforter Concert Series will present the Washington Saxophone Quartet in a program of works mainly from the 19th, 20th centuries, plus the world premiere of a work written for them just last year by local composer Heather Spence, who will attend the concert. The concert is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception to meet the artists. Please join us and bring a friend!

## Crosses

Feb. 22–Apr. 4

This visual display of over fifty unique Christian Crosses will feature interesting interpretations in various materials and will primarily be installed in the Community Hall, in addition to a few in the narthex and Chapel.

## Conversations On Faith

Tuesdays, Feb. 24 and Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; 7 p.m.

Join our Lenten discussion on *Conversations on Faith* by Martin Scorsese and Antonio Spadaro. Hosted by Matt Barazia, these six one-hour sessions require no reading or book purchase—drop in when you can! Sign up at [ttsu.me/g8ysrh](mailto:ttsu.me/g8ysrh). Discussion points emailed in advance.

## Movie Talk: *The Penguin Lessons*

Thursday, Feb. 26; 6:30–8 p.m.; Community Hall

Join Ann Gillespie+ and Jeff Allin for a lively discussion. Watch it beforehand, then come talk cinema and enjoy some pizza (donations welcome). Wine or sparkling water to share is encouraged! RSVP at [ttsu.me/dw8cwg](http://ttsu.me/dw8cwg).

## 007 Casino Night & Dance

Saturday, Feb. 28; 7–10 p.m.; Community Hall

Join us for a night of dancing and casino games to support Youth Ministries and our Puerto Rico mission trip! Enjoy finger foods, drinks, and a raffle for high-value prizes. Tickets \$35 in advance; \$45 at the door. Purchase online at [bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline](http://bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline) (select “007 Casino Night” from the Fund menu). Buy tickets Sundays in the narthex.

## Hypothermia Relief Shelter

Mar. 1–8

In partnership with FACETS, our Community Hall will host 40+ guests who live and work without a home. We will provide a hot meal for dinner, a warm space to sleep for the night, breakfast in the morning, and a “to go” lunch. To learn how you can help, please visit [bit.ly/HoCoHypothermia2026](http://bit.ly/HoCoHypothermia2026) or contact Alex Graham at [agraham160@aol.com](mailto:agraham160@aol.com).

## Voce Chamber Singers: “Lead Me Home”

Sunday, Mar. 1; 4 p.m.

Voce Chamber Singers presents their “greatest hits” from the past five years—a diverse program of folk songs, spirituals, and contemporary works. Don’t miss this virtuosic concert! Get tickets at [voce.org/our-events/2025-season](http://voce.org/our-events/2025-season). Holy Comforter congregants: use code CHCFRIEND for a discount.

## Samaritan Ministry’s Next Step Breakfast

Saturday, Mar. 14; 8:30 a.m.; National Press Club

Celebrate 40 years of hope at Samaritan Ministry’s. Enjoy a keynote from Busboys and Poets founder Andy Shallal and hear inspiring stories of transformation from program participants. Join us to support neighbors striving for stability and self-sufficiency. To register contact Valerie Farrell at [valerie.farrell02@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.farrell02@gmail.com).

## Revival of the Bread and Jam Ministry

The Pastoral Care Steering Committee is reviving the tradition of delivering artisan bread and jam to parish families grieving the loss of a loved one. We need volunteers to bake, purchase, or deliver these gifts. To help, please contact Lolly Mixer at [pastoralcare@holycorforter.com](mailto:pastoralcare@holycorforter.com).

## PENNYWISE Thrift Shop

Created as a fund raising endeavor of Church of the Holy Comforter in 1961, Pennywise Thrift Shop is located at 214 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna, VA.

Do you know that performing community service tends to improve your mood and heart health? If you want to live longer join us at Pennywise! Contact Lisa Feibelman at [lgfeibelman@aol.com](mailto:lgfeibelman@aol.com). Thanks for your support.

## Women’s Retreat Apr. 24–26

Join Holy Comforter women at this year’s Women’s Retreat at Shrine Mont. This year’s theme is exploring the real Mary Magdalene, an ever-present model of faithfulness and leadership, through Scripture, history, and art. The retreat leader will be parishioner Amy Brown, Magdalenian researcher and seminarian. Registration forms and details are available at [bit.ly/HoCo-WR2026](http://bit.ly/HoCo-WR2026) and in the Church Office. Deadline for registration is Sunday, Mar. 8. Unless you pay at [bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline](http://bit.ly/HoCoPayOnline), your check must accompany the registration.

## Hogwarts VBS

June 22–26 (Diagon Alley VBS Preview Apr. 19)

Hogwarts Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week-long Christian-based summer camp for parish children and the greater community. This year our curriculum will be loosely based upon the seventh book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Learn more and register at [holycorforter.com/children](http://holycorforter.com/children).

## Notes on this Sunday’s Anthem:

On this Last Sunday after Epiphany, the anthem draws us into a contemplative vision of revelation. Herbert Howells’s *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* sets an 1885 text by the poet Robert Bridges that longs not for spectacle, but for a beauty that quiets the heart and restores the soul. The words speak of weariness with noise and striving, and of a deeper desire for stillness, purity, and peace.

Howells’s music gives this longing a luminous and tender voice. Flowing lines and gently shifting harmonies create a sense of inward gaze, as though the music itself is listening as much as it is speaking. The texture is rich without heaviness, and moments of harmonic color open small windows of light within the calm, inviting patient attention rather than quick resolution.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* reflects that calling inwardly, reminding us that our capacity to shine is shaped by what we learn to behold. As we listen, we are invited to rest our distracted hearts and allow God’s quiet beauty to form the light we share with the world.

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