

**Saint George's  
Episcopal Church**  
Milford, Michigan  
[www.stgeorgesmilford.org](http://www.stgeorgesmilford.org)

*God Loves You.  
No Exceptions!*



**The Fourth Sunday After the  
Epiphany**

**February 1, 2026**

**Holy Communion, Rite II  
at 10:15 a.m.**

**The Rev. Michelle Werner**  
*Rector*

**Mr. John Potter**  
*Music Minister*

*In Person*

**Prelude** *In Church*, from *Children's Album*, Op. 39, No. 24 Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky(1840-93) P.D.

## The Word of God

*The people stand as comfortable*

**Processional Hymn** H-82 #569 *God the Omnipotent!* Public Domain

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

### Song of Praise

*Glory to God*

*See 'Fall Season Music Book' p1 in Pew*

Text: ICEL, © 2010 Music: The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton, © 2010, GIA Publications

### Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated for the lessons.*

### First Lesson | Micah 6:1-8

*God Challenges Israel: What God Requires*

A reading from Micah, chapter 6, verses 1 through 8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalter | Psalm 15**    *Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House*    Music - H-82 #663 P.D.  
Words -Christopher L. Webber ©1992 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

1. **Lord, who may dwell with-in your house or on your ho-ly hill?**  
**Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blame-less still.**
2. **who have no guile upon their tongues nor harm their neigh-bors life,**  
**But hon-or those who fear the Lord and turn a-way from strife;**
3. **who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or gain;**  
**All those who do such things shall live and safe from harm re-main.**

**Epistle Lesson | 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31**    *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church at Corinth, chapter 1, verses 18 through 31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as comfortable*

1. **What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?**
2. **Jus-tice, kind-ness, walk humbly with your God.**
3. **To seek justice, and love kind-ness, and walk humbly with your God.**

**Holy Gospel | Matthew 5: 1-12***The Beatitudes*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mathew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

**Sequence Hymn****The Sermon***The Rev. Michelle Werner*

*The people stand as comfortable*

**The Nicene Creed,**

**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.

## Prayers of the People of the Season of Epiphany

*adapted from Sundays and Seasons*

*Please assume a position of prayer (kneel, stand or sit)*

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief period of silence*

For the church throughout the world, that it may proclaim salvation through Christ to the ends of the earth, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For messengers of the gospel, that the light of Christ may be made present to all. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie our Bishop, Michelle our Priest, and the clergy and people of *All Saints in Pontiac & St. Matthew in Hato Mayor del Ray*, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world – the prosperous and the poor – the peaceful and the perilous especially Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, Venezuela and the US – that your peace may one day reign, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For political leaders, officials and citizens of this nation, that they show no partiality as they work for the good of all, especially immigrants, refugees, prisoners and those without voice in our societies, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit, especially *Annie F., Art, Barry, Brett & Megan, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Denise, Eric, Fred K., Helen, Joan B., John E., Joshua, Judi V., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon, Lisa D., Lisa S., Liz, Matt W., Michelle M., Maureen B. & family, Nancy B., Randy H., Rebecca, Rick & Debbie, Rick, Sue H., Theresa A.* and those we name before you now either silently or aloud..., and for those who care for the suffering, that God's steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ bring about healing and wholeness, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For the fellowship of those gathered in this place, for the spiritual gifts of each of our members, for those celebrating birthdays especially *Debbie C., Jenny C., Anne G., Edwina M.* and those celebrating anniversaries, reunions or other special events that the Holy Spirit Guide us in our works and our journeys, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For the saints who have died in the faith, especially those we name before you now either silently or aloud..., that the grace of Christ in their lives guide us in our vocation as Christians throughout the world, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

That with the faithful departed we may see the heavens opened and hear your voice declare us beloved daughters and sons, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

## Concluding Collect

*Officiant:* Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. The priest begins:*

**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.**

*The Celebrant declares Absolution of Sin:*

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**    The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**

*Let us greet one another with signs of the Peace of Jesus!*

**Welcome and Parish Announcements** *(see last page)*

# The Holy Communion

**Offering** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem**    *The Beatitudes*    Words - H-82-#560    Russian Orthodox liturgy    P.D.  
Music - arr. Richard T. Proulx ©1985 GIA Publications, Inc.  
The Choir

**Doxology**    *The people stand as comfortable*    H-82 #380, v. 3, 1551    Public Domain

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Enriching Our Worship 2

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus**    *sung by all*                      *Holy, Holy, Holy*                      *See 'Fall Season Music Book' p3 in Pew*  
Text: ICEL, © 2010 Music: The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of hosts.  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ + given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed George, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**Amen**                      *Sung by all*                      *See 'Fall Season Music Book' p4 in Pew*  
Text: ICEL, © 2010 Music: The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

**A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men**

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread** *(silence follows)*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Fraction Anthem** *Agnus Dei*, sung by all *See 'Fall Season Music Book' p4 in Pew*  
Text: ICEL, © 2010 Music: The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the people of God. God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

### **The Communion**

*All who seek the presence of Christ in the sacrament of Communion are welcome. Please come forward to receive the bread (wafer), and if desired to intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine. We are not yet sipping from the Cup. You may request a blessing instead, by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please ask the priest. She will gladly bring Communion to anyone not able to come forward.*

**Communion Hymn** H-82 #441 *In the cross of Christ I glory* P.D.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**, *standing as comfortable*

Let us pray:

**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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** H-82 #556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart* Public Domain

**Dismissal:** Alleluia! Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Permission** to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the copyrighted music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-723589. All rights reserved. P.D. = Public Domain

---

## Announcements – February 1, 2026

- ★ **Welcome to St George's Church!** Our Worship schedule includes Services at 08:30am and 10:15am in the Church. Both services will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel (accessible from our website and our Facebook page) in each month according to the following pattern:
  - 1st Sunday - 08:30 am Rite I Service
  - 2nd/3rd/4th/(5th) Sundays - 10:15 am Rite II Service.
- ★ **Healing Prayer will be offered at both services on Feb 1 & 22** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Chosen Season 4 begins today.** Join us after the 10:15 service for lunch, a watch party and discussion. Please sign-up if you want to attend future sessions so we know how much food to get.
- ★ **Souper Bowl of Caring is Feb 8.** Please bring in soup and other non-perishable items for Community Sharing in Highland. We will also be “feeding the fish” to support their important work in our community.
- ★ **Painting with Ruth - Saturday Feb 7 at 2:00pm** - exercise your artistry and join us for this fun LOK sponsored event. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by Feb 1.
- ★ **Outreach Committee Meeting Thursday Feb 5 at 11:00am**
- ★ **ECW Meeting Tuesday Feb 10 at 11:00am**
- ★ **Altar flower sign-up is available for 2026. Sign up in the Narthex now.**

### SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

801 EAST COMMERCE STREET MILFORD, MI 48381 248-684-0495

[www.stgeorgesmilford.org](http://www.stgeorgesmilford.org)

TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN