



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, Rector
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, Associate Rector

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, Associate Rector
KEVIN CRILEY, ABBY MERK, EMILY MEEKS, Seminarians

Childcare is available in the nursery

PRELUDE Little Melody

Florence Price (1887-1953)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 *Surge, Illuminare* (from *Voices Found*)



1. A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang; your light has
2. God's ris - ing sun will light the way, as peo - ple
3. You will not need the sun by day nor moon by



come, the mes - sage rang. The shroud of dark - ness
stream to dawn - ing's ray. Your o - pen gates will
night, to light your way; God's glo - ry and e -



stripped a - way, God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
nev - er close, in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
ter - nal might will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return in time for communion.

PSALM 112:1-10 (sung by all)



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| 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the <u>Lord</u> *
and have great delight in his
<u>commandments</u> ! | 6 For they will never be <u>shaken</u> ; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting
<u>remembrance</u> . |
| 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the <u>land</u> ; *
the generation of the upright will be
<u>blessed</u> . | 7 They will not be afraid of any evil <u>rumors</u> ; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in
the <u>Lord</u> . |
| 3 Wealth and riches will be in their <u>house</u> , *
and their righteousness will last for <u>ever</u> . | 8 Their heart is established and will not <u>shrink</u> , *
until they see their desire upon their
<u>enemies</u> . |
| 4 Light shines in the darkness for the <u>upright</u> ; *
the righteous are merciful and full of
<u>compassion</u> . | 9 They have given freely to the <u>poor</u> , *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with <u>honor</u> . |
| 5 It is good for them to be generous in <u>lending</u> *
and to manage their affairs with <u>justice</u> . | 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will
gnash their teeth and pine <u>away</u> ; *
the desires of the wicked will <u>perish</u> . |

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing

HYMN 585

Morning glory, starlit sky

Bingham

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Bingham

A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

The people stand and say

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.

The People stand or kneel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creating God, you have made us in your image that we might reflect your glory, hear us now as we say, God of light and life, hear our prayer.

Leader God of light and life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The people kneel and say

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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 ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Touch the hem of His garment
Let His love make you whole
Hear the voice of the shepherd
And He will lead you into the fold,

Touch the hem of His garment
Leave the darkness of sin,
Feel the strength of His presence,
And you will know the power within,

In loving arms He will take you,
He'll never leave you or forsake you and
If you trust He will make you
Rejoice and lay your burdens at His feet.

Touch the hem of His garment
Leave the darkness of night
Feel the might of His glory
And He will guide you into the light.

Words: Janice Lovoos (1903-2007)
Music: Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

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

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember Christ's death.
 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
 We await Christ's coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all... By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

All **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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

We shall walk through the valley in peace.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

We will meet our loved ones there.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

There will be no trials there.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

African-American Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan

COMMUNION HYMN

325

Let us break bread together

Let Us Break Bread

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name 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.
All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Tony-Botel

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Concerto in A Minor, I. Allegro after Vivaldi

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of the Rt. Rev Duncan M. Gray, Jr. and Ruth Spivey Gray

In memory of Ivis Reynolds Hutcheson

In memory of Mary B. Moncure

In memory of Mary Ambler Moncure Fritsche

In memory of Elizabeth Stacy

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Joseph Nader

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Kate Ballard, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Linda Hoekstra, Peggy Boeneke, Mary Jane Penzo, Kathleen McCulloch, Murat Omay, Kathie Nelson, the Rev. Bruce Stewart, Rick Newcomb, Mike Hodges, Zane Hassan, Gary Wright, Elspeth Kelly Crawford and her family, Bill Schauffler, Steve Modlin, Debbie Baker

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For inclusion on the prayer list, please submit names to PastoralCare@ccalex.org or 703.778.4936.

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