

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 18th, 2026 10:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer*, H – *The Hymnal 1982*  
S – *Service Music in The Hymnal*, A – *Alleluia III Songbook*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

<b>Processional Hymn</b>	<i>O Master let me walk with Thee</i>	H 660
<b>The Opening Sentences</b>		BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>		S 280

## The Collect

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

## First Reading – Isaiah 49:1-7

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

### The Word of the Lord.

## Psalm 40:1-2

BCP 640

## *Officiant and People*

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;\*

he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

<sup>5</sup>Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.

<sup>6</sup>Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.

<sup>7</sup>In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);

<sup>8</sup>Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

<sup>9</sup>In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.”’.

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

<sup>11</sup>Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
deliverance; \*

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

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

## Second- I Corinthians 1:1-9

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

The Word of the Lord.

*People              Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn**

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

H 550, v 1-3

**Gospel              John 1:29-42**

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People              Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of who I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi: (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Linda Suzanne Borgen

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together*

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 Prayers of the People**

*Form III*

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

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

### **Confession of Sin**

*All say together*

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.

### **Absolution**

BCP 360

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

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

## The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*The Priest says* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to Almighty God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*(Offerings may be mailed, given to the church office, or given securely online at [www.stthomasgreenville.org](http://www.stthomasgreenville.org))*

### Offertory Anthem

### Doxology

*H 380 v 3*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Land of Rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will,

a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. *AMEN.*

**Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*Celebrant and People*

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**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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

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

**Celebrant**

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *[Amen.]*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation *[Amen.]*

## The Ministration of Communion

### Communion Hymns

Choir and Congregation

*My God, thy table now is spread  
For the bread which you have broken*

H 321

H 341

### Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitor

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation and our Lord Jesus Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People For we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.*

### Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

#### *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and ever living 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 forever. Amen.

### Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### Dismissal

BCP 366

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Recessional Hymn

*Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

H 530, v 1-4