



Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026
10:30 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*

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Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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10:30 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "We Walk By Faith"

Eugene Hill

The Hymnal 1982, #126

The people that in darkness walked

Dundee

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CI. Psalmes of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

I will make you as a light to the nations,

People

That my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

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.***

Altered text

1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, the Al - might - y.
 we for judge - ment there must stand, have mer - cy Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev., alt.;
 para. of *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 *Dominus illuminatio* (*St. Helena Psalter*)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



God is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

God is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be a-fraid?

One thing have I asked of you, O God;
one thing I seek: *

that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,

To behold your fair beauty, O God, *
and to seek you in your temple.

For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; *
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies round a-bout me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to you.

Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, O God, will I seek.
 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in dis-pleasure.
 You have been my helper;
 cast me not a-way; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my sal-va-tion.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymnal 1982, #132

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

The Deacon or another person appointed leads the prayers

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Make your wisdom, in its rich variety, shine through all faithful people, and give your holy church grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Give your justice to the nations and their leaders, and give your mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. We pray for the people of Minneapolis and Greenland. Where we have power ourselves, open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Bless this community, that in your light we may each become a servant, one to the other. Bring us together in story and in song, in joy and in sorrow. Let every person who comes among us find connection and kinship in this place. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

O God, we know that you hold this world and all its children dear in your heart. With longing and thanksgiving, we pray for the grace to receive your gifts as well as the grace to offer back those same gifts to you and your world. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Have mercy on those among us who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble, especially Bill, Kitty, Nan, Debra, Nicole, Etta, Barbi, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and those we name now _____. Grant them rest, relief, and peace. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

We remember those who have died, especially those we name now _____. Show them your Child, O God, for they have traveled far to be with you. *Silence.*

Christ our light, *shine in our hearts.*

Celebrant

We make these prayers with boldness and confidence to you, O God, in the Name of Christ our light, the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion in the way, and our journey's end. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

The Deacon, or other Minister leads the Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, naming before God those things we have done, those things we have left undone, and those things done on our behalf.

Silence is kept for a time as we recall where we have sinned against God and our neighbors.

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.

People ***Christ, have mercy.***

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and the splendor of God the Creator:
Lord, have mercy.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Celebrant Be assured of God's love, forgiveness and grace.
May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Holy Spirit enable you to grow in love. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Incarnate Christ be always with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Hugh Benham

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Lord, we they presence seek;
May ours this blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

--J. Keble & W. J. Hall



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C (*Expansive Language, Fixed Response*)

The Celebrant faces the people and says

May God 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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Powell, S-129)

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

The Celebrant continues, speaking

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer – contemporary

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People & Celebrant

***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.***

***Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Fraction Anthem

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung



Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;
in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Invitation to Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself, so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love, all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Following the direction of the ushers, come forward to the communion rail, where you may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the bread, your right palm on top of your left palm. *Gluten-free wafers are available.* Please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. To receive the wine, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not receive wine, you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread.

Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread into the chalice (*i.e.*, intinction). If you are not comfortable drinking directly from the chalice, you are welcome to receive just the bread; or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you.

If you are unable to come to the altar rail, notify an usher, and we will bring communion to you.

As Communion is ending, the People remain seated to sing the following

Lift Every Voice, #151

One bread, one body

One bread, — one bod-y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

man - y, — through-out the earth, We are one

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "One bread, — one bod-y, — one Lord of all, — one cup of bless - ing which we bless. — And we, — though man - y, — through-out the earth, We are one". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one _____ Lord. _____

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man, _____
 2. works, one in the Lord _____
 3. grown, gath - ered to one _____

D.S.

1. — no more. _____ One
 2. — of all. _____ One
 3. — for all. _____ One

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

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Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray

People & Celebrant

***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, O God, 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.***

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, cre thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901).

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People who respond

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

C Major Recessional

Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

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Notes on the Service for January 25, 2026,

the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

by The Rev. Stephen Weissman

God's light penetrates everywhere and many respond to it, is a prominent theme in today's readings from Isaiah, the Psalter, and Matthew. Today's collect, composed for the 1979 Prayer Book, asks that we may answer the call to follow Christ (as did four apostles in today's Gospel).

The first reading precedes the passage of Isaiah which begins, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given..." something the first Jewish readers of Matthew must have recognized. Today, "unto us a child is born...." is not read. Emphasized instead is the light's reaching to the remote north, Zebulun and Naphtali, later called Galilee, whither Jesus went as reported by today's Gospel. "Day of Midian" refers to Gideon's victory over Midianite raiders 400 years before first Isaiah, when Gideon's men of Naphtali had repelled raiders from Midian.

“The Lord is my light” begins Psalm 27. It ends, “Your face, Lord, will I seek.” Those sentiments could be expressed by seekers for God in dark Zebulun and Naphtali in the days of Gideon, and in the days of Isaiah, and in the days of Andrew, Peter, and the Zebedee brothers. Parts of this post-exilic poem sound like the prayer of a levite or a priest, promising to offer sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple if God will protect him from his enemies. Today’s excerpt stops short before v. 14, “When my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD takes me up,” which could be applied to the apostles who forsake their fathers and mothers in today’s Gospel.

Readings of I Corinthians continue through the after-Epiphany season. Paul is trying to heal divisions in the church which he had founded at Corinth, Greece. “Chloe’s people” probably refers to the household of a woman prominent in the church; Apollos is Paul’s learned assistant; Cephas is Peter. You Corinthians were not baptized into factions headed by those disciples, Paul says, rather you were baptized into one Christ. This passage is cited to support the argument that the sacrament of Baptism is valid regardless of who performs it, and ought not be repeated so long as its minister intends it be initiation into the church universal, not into some particular congregation, denomination, or sect.

Just as last Sunday we read John’s account of the calls of the first apostles, today we hear Matthew’s account of their call, which is set after Jesus’ temptations, in Galilee, Isaiah’s dim land of Zebulun and Naphtali. Light shines in Galilee as Jesus starts preaching that the Kingdom is nearby. Four fishermen follow Jesus, believing his promise that he will make them “fishers of men;” or in the unmusical English of the NRSV, “make you fish for people.” Like Abraham of old, they leave their parents and their livelihoods for a promise.

In most years, January 25 is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, but this year, because the 25th is a Sunday, the Feast is transferred to Monday, except in churches named St. Paul.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I – Spoken Eucharist

10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

7:00 AM on Thursdays

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Thursday 8 AM-4 PM,

Friday 8 AM-Noon

Food Ministry Hours

Hot Lunch: Sunday 2-2:30 PM

Pantry & Take-out Meal: Tues. 1:30-3 PM, Thurs. 4-5 PM

Wednesday Cafe & Conversation: 12-1:30 PM



From Father Paul



On Sunday morning, I spoke about looking for the presence of God's spirit in the midst of what is an increasingly frightening time. Lo and behold, on Sunday afternoon, a delegation of Trinitarians visited Jane Edwards with cake, cards and balloons to celebrate her 95th birthday. If you want to keep that Spirit flowing, feel free to send your own birthday greetings.

Jane Edwards
9244 Cordoba Lane
St. Louis, MO 63126

One of the reasons that I talk so much about looking for blessings is not to ignore the evils that surround us. But it is a way to manage my own fear and anxiety about what's happening in our country. The Twin Cities were my home in the 1980s, and the situation there fills me with equal parts of dread and helplessness – which, for me, can lead to paralysis. So, to stave off immobility, I

try to be more mindful of looking for local blessings which in turn amp up my own care for those who cross my path.

For the Oppressed

Look with compassion, O heavenly Creator, upon our neighbors in this land who live with injustice, terror, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Guide and strengthen us to resist those who heap cruelty upon our neighbors. Uphold those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I will be away this weekend, joining with the people of Trinity, Indianapolis, as they celebrate their new Rector. Please keep them, and me, in your prayers, as you all remain in mine.

Epiphany blessings,

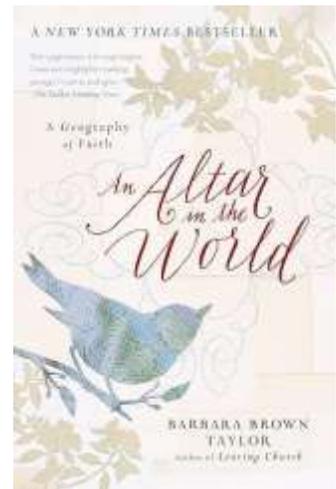


Sunday, February 1, is the day for the 171st Annual Meeting of this parish. There will be **ONE SERVICE at 10**, followed by food and Annual Meeting in the South Parish Hall.

Lenten Book Discussion

During the season of Lent, Fr. Paul & Deacon Harry will lead a discussion on "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith", by Barbara Brown Taylor. As a reviewer of the book noted: "With the honesty of Elizabeth Gilbert (*Eat, Pray, Love*) and the spiritual depth of Anne Lamott (*Grace, Eventually*), Taylor shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life."

For our discussion, we will meet in the North Parish Hall at noon each Sunday (Feb 22 - March 29, excluding the bishop's visit on March 15). Please consider purchasing the book from our neighborhood friends at Left Bank Books (<https://www.left-bank.com/>) or borrowing from your local library.





Preparing for a Holy Lent

What is your Lenten practice of faith - prayer, journaling, walking? On Sunday February 8, after both the 8am and 10:30am services, we'll gather informally in the North Parish Hall to share Lenten practices. We'll have handouts to share various practices and for those who are interested, we'll make Anglican Prayer Beads which you can take home and use during the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Harry.

As of this morning, we have received 67 pledges totaling \$331,503.

Use the link below to make your pledge, or fill out a pledge card available at the back of the church.

2026 Pledge Form (<https://www.trinitycwe.org/stewardship>)



TRINITY FOOD MINISTRY

Our needs for this week:

- 1) Vienna Sausages
- 2) Canned Chili (not chili beans)
- 3) Chicken Noodle Soup
- 4) Canned Pasta with Sauce (Beefaroni, Ravioli,...)
- 5) Spam
- 6) Spaghetti in 1 pound boxes

Peace and Grace to you all,

During the past week we served: 80 families (222 individuals) in 2 1/2 hours of food pantry (Tuesday and Thursday). This represents a 33% increase in a normal week (60 families with 159 individuals). This is an exceptional spike that far exceeds the increase during the SNAP halt/restart that occurred in November. Whether this is a result of the loss of ACA subsidies can't necessarily be determined yet but it underscores the need that is there and that we are fulfilling it. Our thanks to all of you who help this ministry to continue.

In addition to the nurse we are now hosting Alan Young, a Crisis Counselor from Places for People, a non-profit organization that is contracted by the city of St. Louis to provide assistance to individuals impacted by the tornado. In phase 2 of that contract, this will be expanded to include general assistance to those in need regardless of cause. The current arrangement is for him to be on site on Tuesdays during Pantry which will expand to both pantry days in the near future. Our hope is that we can expand the resources available to the community a bit further.

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is fast approaching (Ash Wednesday is 4 weeks away). As we approach that time please remember the Food Ministry community in your prayers. God bless you and your families for your part in helping the least among us.

Peace be with you,
Chuck



This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.

January 25: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church (1877) in Rolla and Shug, their Rector.

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Associates of the Order of the Transfiguration (Asociados Orden de la Transfiguración).
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Louisiana—at Fort Johnson, Barksdale Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Camp Minden, Federal Correctional Center Oakdale, and the Alexandria VA Medical Center.



We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Bill Mayhan
Katherine "Kitty" Drescher
Debra Townsend
Nicole Adams
Etta Taylor
Barbi Click
Helen Hendry
Glenda Wiman
Thomas Kirk
Gloria Winston
Dolores Friesen
John Biggs
Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way
Ray Becvar
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Teri Smith-Jones, former parishioner, recovery from accident
Geraldine Caldwell, friend of Carter Whitson, profound dementia.
Harry Forbes and Bruce Deal, NYC friends of Michael Shepley
Marshan Leib, friend of Brian Alms, Lewy's Body Dementia
Tim, friend of Mary Moore, cancer
Denise Huber
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Lou Adams, Al Adams' brother, degenerative disk disease, colon cancer.
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather

Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing

Hope, health challenges.

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.

Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer

Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems

Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: Canon Desiree Brattin, The Rev. Canon Doris & David Westfall, The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and The Rev. David K. Fly.

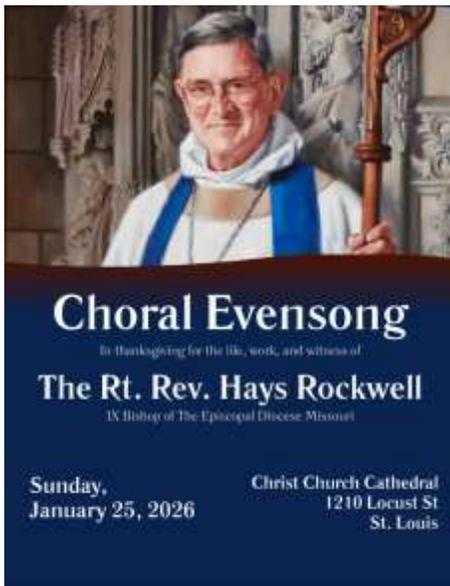
For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays January 25-31: Carmelita Krug, Gloria Winston, Mary Patton, Peter Thacher, Jackson Gress, Ed Riedel.



The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri



Choral Evensong in Thanksgiving for a Faithful Life

Today @ Christ Church Cathedral (1210 Locust Street) -
5pm

You are warmly invited to gather for Choral Evensong in thanksgiving for the life, work, and witness of The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell, IX Bishop of our diocese. This service offers a sacred space to remember and give thanks for Bishop Rockwell's faithful leadership, pastoral presence, and enduring impact on the life of this diocese. Through prayer, scripture, and the beauty of choral music, we will commend his life to God and reflect on the legacy of faith he leaves behind.

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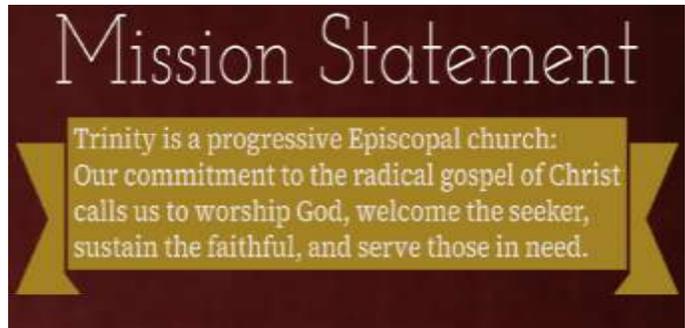
Readings for next Sunday, Feb. 1 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm 15



Senior Warden: Adrienne Fly

2026

Fritzi Baker
Skip Coburn
Dave Hilditch

Vestry

2027

Adrienne Fly
Ben Kiel
Mary Patton
Perry Trolard

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2028

Carlos Daughaday