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Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026
10:30 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*

The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*

Established 1855 in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

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

Prelude on the Proper for the Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Gerald Near

The Hymnal 1982, #497

How bright appears the morning star

Wie schön leuchtet



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam -
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630).

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.***

Gloria in excelsis

The Hymnal 1982, #421

Altered text

Allein Gott in der Höh

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 -
heav - en, 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)

Collects

Celebrant May God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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, worshipped, 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.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,

Lay 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 Jacob

 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,
 “Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

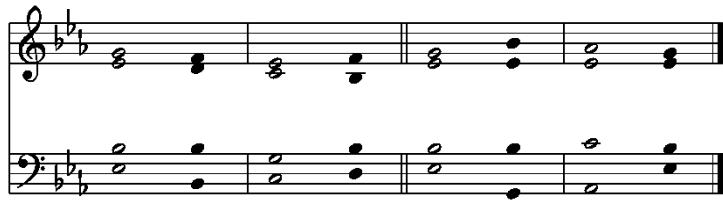
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-12 *Expectans, expectavi* *(St. Helena Psalter)*

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)

I waited patiently for you, O God; *
 you stooped to me and heard my cry.
 You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
 You 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 you.
 Happy are they who trust in you; *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
 Great things are they that you have done, O God,
 how great your wonders and your plans for us; *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them, *
 but they are more than I can count.
 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);
 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not re-quired, *
 and so I said, “Behold, I come.

The Psalm continues on the next page



In the roll of the book it is written con-cerning me: *

‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’ ”

I proclaimed righteousness in the great conger-gation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O God, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de-liverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great conger-gation.

You are the Holy One;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of 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.

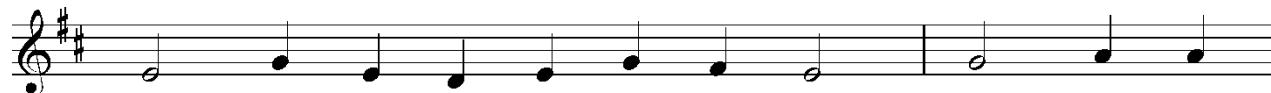
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

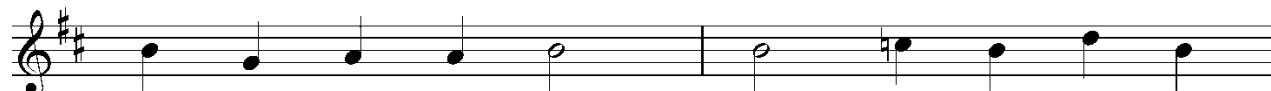
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymnal 1982, #132 When Christ's appearing was made known

Erhalt uns, Herr



1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King He - rod
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heaven - ly
 4 Oh, what a mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
 5 All glo - ry, Je - sus, be to thee for this thy



1 trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers
 2 on his guid - ing star; by light their way to
 3 Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, to whom no
 4 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and
 5 glad e - piph - a - ny: whom with the Fa - ther



1 heaven - ly birth sought not the king - doms of this earth.
 2 Light they trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 3 sin was known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
 4 forth it flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

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

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

The next day 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 whom 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 is 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).

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

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. 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

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

arr. Krystian Viszla

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light,
Begotten of the Father's might,
Who, in these latter days wast born
For blessing to a world forlorn;

pour light upon us from above,
and fire our hearts with ardent love,
that, as we hear thy truth today,
all wrong desires may burn away.

O let us not, for evil past,
be driven from thy face at last,
but with thy saints for evermore,
behold thee, love thee, and adore.

Lift Every Voice, #1

Lift every voice and sing

Lift every voice

In anticipation of celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day tomorrow

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry____ is won.
 2. stand at - last Where the white gleam of our bright star____ is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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The Great Thanksgiving

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

The Celebrant continues, singing

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God,

All
sustainer of the u-ni-verse. Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er.

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;

All
You made us the stewards of your cre-a-tion. Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er.

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.

All
By his death he o-pened for us the way of free-dom and peace.

Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er.

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.

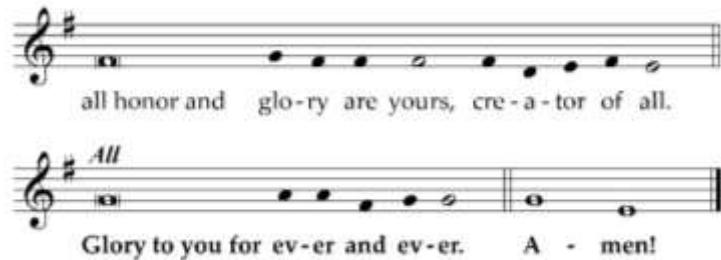
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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,



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major, common time. The first staff shows a melody with the lyrics "all honor and glo-ry are yours, cre-a-tor of all." The second staff begins with "Agnus Dei" and continues with "Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er. A - men!"

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

The Hymnal 1982, #439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing
soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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.**

The Hymnal 1982, #444

Blest be the God of Israel

Thornbury



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.____
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

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Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the People who respond

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Dialogue in d minor

Oreste Ravenello

**Notes on the Service for January 18, 2026,
the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**
by The Rev. Stephen Weissman

The ordinary season after the Epiphany began last Monday, so the liturgical color code has switched to green. A principal theme of the Epiphany, **Christ the Light of the World**, continues, as expressed in today's collect. Adapted from the Church of South India (at the "earth's end"), this collect prays that Christ's glory may be known to the earth's ends, thereby also expressing a corollary theme, that the Light is spread through God's people. To illustrate the **call to spread the light**, readings today are about callings: callings to be sufferer, to be psalmist, saints, witness, apostles.

Like last Sunday's first reading, today's is another of the servant songs of Isaiah about one whom God called to restore lost Israelites and to shine on Gentiles. This song twice asserts that the calling of the servant occurred before he was born, as did the calling of Jeremiah to be a prophet. Concluding that either Isaiah or Jeremiah was a believer in predestination in the Calvinist sense would be mistaken, but these prophets do have a sense of unique callings from their starts. Christians see Jesus as the one who fulfilled the role of the servant who was from the womb a light to the Gentiles. So for Christian readers, "Kings shall see and arise" can anticipate the magi's visit to Christ, commemorated on January sixth.

Grateful for deliverance, the author of Psalm 40 vows to give God thanks before the congregation. The Letter to the Hebrews will apply vss 8-9 to Christ, "offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me...I have come to do thy will, O God."

Like the suffering servant, the psalmist, and John the Baptist, Paul, too, "proclaimed righteousness in the congregation." In a manner unlike the callings of Isaiah, Andrew, John, and Peter, Paul had been "called to be an apostle" by the Risen Christ. Paul began letters in the conventional way of his era by stating whom the letter was from, by greeting those to whom it was addressed, and by praying and giving thanks for them "called to be saints." Note how Paul uses the word "called" four times in this one opening paragraph.

The meeting of John the Baptist and Jesus told last Sunday by Matthew is retold today in John's variant where the Baptist does not actually baptize Jesus, but he does identify Jesus as God's Son and God's Lamb (as in the sacrificial Paschal lamb). Two of the Baptist's disciples, Andrew and John the Beloved (the latter not explicitly named), accept Jesus' invitation to see where he is staying. Then Andrew, on his first mission, tells Peter they have found the Messiah. Here, Andrew anticipates Peter's own subsequent confession of Jesus as that Messiah, a confession which the calendar in most years marks on January 18. However, because this year January 18 is a Sunday, the feast of the Confession of Peter is transferred to Monday, except in churches named St. Peter.

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

Dear Ones,

This is a week of remembering folks who have been beacons of Christ's Light in a world that is starving for light and good news.

Join in celebrating the life of the Rev. Suzanne (Sue) Hardey Eastes this Saturday, January 17, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church (15674 Clayton Road, Ellisville, Missouri 63011). Viewing at 10am | Service at 11am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory to stand with the saints.



Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr, 1968



Icon © by St. Louis artist Kelly Latimore

Tomorrow, January 15, the anniversary of his birth, is one of several days that the church remembers and gives thanks for the life and ministry of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This weekend, culminating with the national holiday on Monday, the nation remembers Dr. King, Baptist pastor, theologian, and tireless leader of the American civil rights movement. Rooted in the Black Church tradition and profoundly shaped by his Christian faith, Dr. King led the Montgomery bus boycott and helped form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to organize nonviolent resistance against racial injustice. He was instrumental in securing civil rights legislation in the

1960s, opposed the Vietnam War, and worked for economic justice. His “Mountain Top Experience,” rooted in prayer and perseverance amid death threats and persecution, continues to inspire people of all races and religions to pursue the beloved community.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

There will be a range of activities and celebrations in the St. Louis area over the entire holiday weekend. Here are a couple of links that have lists to help you find out what's happening.

<https://diversity.med.wustl.edu/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-commemoration-week-2026/>

https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/live-work/community/mlk-day-of-service.cfm#CP_JUMP_795948

Epiphany blessings,

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Candlemas Day Craft Project



Please join the Art Club in the North Parish Hall on the next candle making day: Saturday, January 24th, from 9:00 to 11:00. We will be making candles from the church's recycled candle wax in anticipation of the Blessing of the Candles on February 1. We can make candles in molds (including ice candles), or poured candles in containers. We now have larger wicks and candle dye that will enable our final products to burn more easily. (Thanks to Linda Small for her help in this regard.) Bring a small container if you are planning to pour a candle. Questions? Call or text Barb Holmes 314-303-6116.



**As of this morning, we have received
63 pledges totaling \$283,103.**

Use the 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>)

Our needs for the pantry are:

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

As always a pop top can is appreciated.

Friends,

I know that all of you are deeply concerned about events of last week in Minneapolis. I am sure many of you want to do something, as do I. At times like this I remember a bit of wisdom from Nana (my maternal grandmother) who used to say that you can only truly improve things where you are. To that end I suggest each of us strive to improve the lives of our community here in the Central West End. If everyone across the country did this at their location we would all draw closer to the world that God wants for each of us.

Alas, I was unable to catch a picture of either the goat or the 4 monkeys that are wandering the streets of North St. Louis. The runaways even made the BBC news in Britain and have spawned an incredible number of memes on the Internet. I had hoped that they would take time to drop by the church hopefully on pantry or lunch day to give us some amusement but no. I did discover on Sunday that there are 2 members of our community who can play the piano and played some short tunes for everyone here on the piano in the south church hall. They have been encouraged to do so in the future as it adds to the atmosphere.

We recently had a visit from a child care group that volunteered to prepare bags of essentials for the unhoused. These are a group of toddlers and they had great fun preparing 35 bags which they delivered Wednesday for distribution in time for our Cafe. Their coordinator and I are hoping to make this a regular event.

Lastly, my continuing gratitude to all who help this ministry continue to grow: the Vestry, Father Paul, our exceptional volunteers and the parishioners who meet our ever changing needs. All of you are an essential part of the services we provide and make my job a true joy.

God Bless You All,

Chuck



This Week's Core Value: Justice Oriented

We believe in confronting the structural and systemic sins of the world. Our actions, practices, and beliefs are shaped by a commitment to loving our neighbors in public, especially the poor, the vulnerable, and those carrying heavy burdens.

January 18: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church (1876) in Cape Girardeau.

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Matthias the Apostle (Misión San Matías, Apóstol) in Lares.

TRINITY FOOD MINISTRY

Prayer
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- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Kentucky—at Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Blue Grass Army Depot, Louisville Air National Guard Base, Federal Correctional Institution Ashland, and the Robley Rex VA Medical Center.

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

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

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

For Diocesan Clergy: 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 18-24: Jane Edwards, Michael Biggers, Cynthia Fox, Fritzi Baker, Dale Anderson.

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Readings for next Sunday, Jan. 25 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Mission Statement

Trinity is a progressive Episcopal church:
Our commitment to the radical gospel of Christ
calls us to worship God, welcome the seeker,
sustain the faithful, and serve those in need.

Vestry

Senior Warden: Adrienne Fly

2026

Fritzi Baker
Skip Coburn
Dave Hilditch

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2027

Adrienne Fly
Ben Kiel
Mary Patton
Perry Trolard

2028

Carlos Daughaday