

**2 Epiphany  
January 18, 2026  
10:00 a.m.**



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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,  
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*

## Processional Hymn: All Are Welcome

### ALL ARE WELCOME

(MARTY HAUGEN, ARR. PAUL HARPER)

*J = 108*

**F**

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL AND ALL CAN SAFE-LY LIVE, A  
 LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE PROPH-ETS SPEAK, AND WORDS ARE STRNG AND TRUE, WHERE  
 LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE IS FOUND IN WA-TER, WINE, AND WHEAT: A  
 LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE HANDS WILL REACH BE YOND THE WOOD AND STONE TO  
 LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE ALL ARE NAMED, THEIR SONGS AND VI-SIONS HEARD AND

5 **F/A** **Dm7** **Gm7** **C** **Gm7** **C7** **Bb/F** **F**

PLACE WHERE SAINTS AND CHIL-DREN TELL HOW HEARTS LEARN-TO FOR-GIVE. BUILT OF  
 ALL GOD'S CHIL-DREN DARE TO SEEK TO DREAM GOD'S REIGN A-NEW. HERE THE  
 BAN-QUIET HALL ON HO-LY GROUND, WHERE PEACE AND JUS-TICE MEET. HERE THE  
 HEAL AND STRENGTH-EN, SERVE AND TEACH, AND LIVE THE WORD THEY'VE KNOWN. HERE THE  
 LOVED AND TREAS-URED TAUGHT AND CLAIMED AS WORDS WITH-IN THE WORD. BUILT OF

9 **Am7** **Dm7** **Gm7** **C** **F** **F/A** **Bb**

HOPES AND DREAMS AND VI-SIONS, ROCK OF FAITH AND VAULT OF GRACE: HERE THE  
 CROSS SHALL STAND AS WIT-NESS AND AS SYM-BOL OF GOD'S GRACE: HERE AS  
 LOVE OF GOD THROUGH JE-SUS, IS RE-VEALED IN TIME AND SPACE: AS WE  
 OUT-CAST AND THE STRAN-GER BEAR THE IM-AGE OF GOD'S FACE: LET US  
 TEARS AND CRIES AND LAUGH-TER, PRAYERS OF FAITH AND SONGS OF GRACE. LET THIS

13 **F** **Bb** **A7** **Dm** **Gm** **Dm** **Am7** **Gm7/Bb**

LOVE OF CHRIST SHALL END DI-VI-SIONS: ALL ARE WEL-COME, ALL ARE WEL-COME,  
 ONE WE CLAIM THE FAITH OF JE-SUS:  
 SHARE IN CHRIST THE FEAST THAT FREES US:  
 BRING AN END TO FEAR AND DAN-GER:  
 HOUSE PRO-CLAIM FROM FLOOR TO RAFT-TER:

17 **F/C** **Gm7/C** **C7** **F** **Bb/F** **F** **Bb/F**

ALL ARE WEL-COME IN THIS PLACE

## The Word of God

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria: S-280**

**Glory to God in the highest**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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..

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

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 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People:      Thanks be to God*

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 40:1-12**      *Read responsively by half verse*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
    he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

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

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

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

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 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."

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

11 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.

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

## **The Second Lesson**

### **New Testament**

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians** 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People      Thanks be to God.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

### **The Servant Song**

#### **The Servant Song**

Won't you let me be your servant,  
    Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
    Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
    We are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
    In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
    Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
    I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
    We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
    Of Christ's love and agony.

## The Gospel

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**      John 1:29-42  
*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 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).

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Thack H. Dyson

**The Nicene Creed**      *Please stand*

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**

Leader      Let us pray. Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*People*      *That we all may be one.*

Leader      Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve  
you;  
*People*      *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader      Remembering today our Archbishop elect, Sarah; our Presiding Bishop, Sean; In the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, we pray for our Bishop Russell, our Rector, Thack, our Priest Associates, Judith and Albert, our Seminarians, Vivian, Necie and Jessica; For the congregation of Immanuel, Bay Minette. For the Commission on Global Mission Engagement. From the Anglican Cycle of prayer, pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo. From the Cycle of Prayer for Prisons, pray for the prisoners, the staff and their families at the Santa Rosa County Jail, Milton, Florida. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*      *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader      We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*      *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader      Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People*      *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader      Have compassion on all oppressed Christians. Pray for all persecuted people everywhere, and those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*      *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested. We pray also for those who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. Give to the departed, [Especially: The Rev. Fletcher Comer ] eternal rest,

*People Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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

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

Leader The altar flowers given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His Son, Jesus Christ.

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

### **Prayer for the Military**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

### **Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and the World**

Heavenly Father, please hear our prayers for all those who have died and will die because of the wars in Ukraine and other war-torn countries all over this world. May these untold victims experience that eternal peace that is only found in You. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, and all nations — that war and bloodshed will cease, and that a just and enduring peace may be had. Please inspire all world leaders with wisdom, compassion, and decisiveness so they can be instruments of that peace that passes all understanding. We also pray that our world leaders will respect the dignity of all of your creation so that future alliances will be forged on the basis of trust and shared humanity and not on military might and nationalism. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

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.

Celebrant: 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**      *All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*    *And also with you.*

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem**      Infinite Light

**The Great Thanksgiving:**      Eucharistic Prayer A

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.*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus: S 130**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*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**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Fraction Anthem: S 164****Jesus, Lamb of God**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

**Communion**

I, the Lord of sea and sky (Here I Am Lord)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
 I will hold your people in my heart.*

**Communion**

Let us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;

*Refrain*  
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

1 2

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

*Refrain*  
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Dorothy Moore and Karen Thomason, they may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

## O God Beyond All Praising

O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day and  
 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that

sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on - ly  
 we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and wheth - er our to -

won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and  
 mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and

mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word, we  
 rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and

hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
 make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

The altar flowers are giving to the glory of God,  
in celebration and thanksgiving for the life and ministry of  
The Rev. John Fletcher Comer.

**Those who serve – January 18, 2026**

Homilist and Celebrant: The Rev. Thack H. Dyson

Altar Guild: Donna Nolte, Baba Hendricks, Rhonda Jones, Patrick Foster,  
Mary Claire McTaggart, Mackenzie Nolte, Nancy Walker

**10:00 a.m.**

Lector - Scripture: Jennifer Morgan

Lector – Prayers: Terri McMillan

Crucifer/Server Trainee: Noah Pino

Server: Leah Hamilton

Torch Bearers: Lily Wilson, Timothy Pino

Chalice Bearers: Hayleigh Hamilton, Judy Hale, Allen Simpson

Ushers: Doug Stephens, Crystal Anderson, Michael Taylor

Verger: Avos Stickney

Vestry: Tom Walker

Eucharistic Visitors: Thack Dyson, Donna Brown, Gaye Wilson

Choirmaster and Church Musician: Christopher Conger