



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**

*The Last Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 15, 2026 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Tocatta in D*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn #135** *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

SALZBURG

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**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 S-277**

*Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns*

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Presider* The Lord be with you

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**The First Lesson:** Exodus 24:12-18

*insert*

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99**    *sung to the tune OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> found in the hymnal #377*

*The congregation will remain seated for the singing of the psalm.*

1. The Lord is King; let people quake:  
He sits above the cherubim;  
In Zion God the Lord is great;  
Let nations stand in awe of him.
2. He is the Holy One, his Name  
Is awesome, great, let all confess;  
“Lover of justice, mighty King,  
You have established righteousness.”
3. Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down  
And worship him, the Holy Lord;  
Moses and Aaron, Samuel,  
They called on God and heard his word.
4. Out of the cloud he spoke to them,  
They kept his law and his decrees;  
O Lord, you answered and forgave,  
In sight of all dread evil flees.
5. Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down,  
Worship him on his holy hill;  
He is the Lord, our God and King,  
The Holy One, our Savior still.

**The Second Lesson:** 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn #129** *Christ upon the mountain peak*

MOWSLEY

*Verses 1 - 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.  
Verse 4 will be sung after the reading.*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

*insert*

*Presider*                      The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*                      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

*Presider*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Bridget, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Renee, Lino, Melina, Ellen, and those we now name either silently or aloud.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Presider* 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**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

### **Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries**

The Rector

### **Offertory Hymn #137 O wondrous type! O vision fair**

WAREHAM



*During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.*

*Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

### **The Sanctus S-130 which can be found in the front section of the hymnal**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer,*  
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer until the words*  
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.**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem S-164** *which can be found in the front section of the hymnal*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**  
**give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

**Communion Anthem:** *O nata lux de lumine*

Mariano Garau (b. 1957)

*Tr. O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **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, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #460** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRODOL

**The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude** *Voluntary in F*

John Blow (1649-1708)

*The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Robin Moody*

**Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector  
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director  
Laura Carroll, Vestry Person of the Day  
Nate Gunsch and Laura Carroll, Readers  
Jen DiManno, Intercessor  
Kate Gunsch, Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Paul Newell and Catherine Womack, Ushers  
Cary Cox, Altar Guild  
Nancy Armstrong, Laura Carroll and Nancy Savage Coffee Hosts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday!** Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, cleaning up, cooking pancakes and preparing other food. If you are able to help, please talk to Jake Sterling. This is always a fun, festive evening, so please plan to join us – this coming Tuesday evening beginning at 6pm.

**For extra Shrove Tuesday fun ...** our children will host a “pound party” in conjunction with our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake feast. Please bring a wrapped item weighing one pound for the kids to auction off with proceeds going to Dana Farber. Get out your scale, let your creative juices flow and wrap up a pound of something useful, valuable or just plain silly – all for a good cause.

**This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday ...** please join us at 7pm Wednesday evening for Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.

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Mr. Matt Hast and Ms. Shannon Fry, Wardens