



First Sunday of Epiphany
January 11, 2026

Preparation for Worship

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father, and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us, and given to us, in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the scriptures below.

Musical Prelude

Processional: God, My King, Thy Might Confessing(414)

The Acclamation

Priest: I will make you as a light for the nations,

All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Collect for Purity

All: 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.

The Summary of the Law

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All: 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.*

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Psalm 89:20-29

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Reader: 20 I have found David, my servant;*

All: *with my holy oil I have anointed him,*

Reader: 21 so that my hand shall be established with him;*

All: *my arm also shall strengthen him.*

Reader: 22 The enemy shall not outwit him;*

All: *the wicked shall not humble him.*

Reader: 23 I will crush his foes before him*

All: *and strike down those who hate him.*

Reader: 24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, *

All: *and in my name shall his horn be exalted.*

Reader: 25 I will set his hand on the sea*

All: *and his right hand on the rivers.*

Reader: 26 He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, *

All: *my God, and the Rock of my salvation.*

Reader: 27 And I will make him the firstborn, *

All: *the highest of the kings of the earth.*

Reader: 28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, *

All: *and my covenant will stand firm for him.*

Reader: 29 I will establish his offspring forever*

All: *and his throne as the days of the heavens.*

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:*

*All: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

Second Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

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¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual: Be Thou My Vision

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Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: “*The Baptism of Jesus*”

The Reverend Matthew L. Rusch

The Nicene Creed

All stand for the recitation of the creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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

As you prefer, you may kneel, sit, or remain standing for our prayers.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, and Alex Farmer and David Bryan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregations:

All Saints Anglican Church, Tallahassee;
St. Luke's Anglican Fellowship, Tallahassee;
All Souls Anglican Church, Jacksonville;
Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Mobile, AL;
Matt and Catie, Scott and Cathleen,
Jody Farmer, Nancy Bryan, Sherry Adams,
Trina McCarthy, Oscar Seara, and
Katherine Parker.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Trump, Governor DeSantis, and Mayor Deegan. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

You may now add your own prayers here either silently or aloud.

The Priest offers concluding prayers.

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All:

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.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

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

All: *And with your spirit.*

The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.

Blessing of the Children & Announcements

All pray together from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer page 667 #68 and say,

All: *Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them and guide them, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Psalm 96:8

Offertory: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (76)

Doxology

The Congregation stands for the Doxology.

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Sursum Corda

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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:

The Sanctus

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*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

As we continue in prayer, you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

*All: 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 Prayer of Humble Access

*All: We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by
his body, and our souls washed through his most
precious blood, and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Priest: 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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the
Congregation is invited to sing.*

Communion 1: Behold the Lamb

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King*

*The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King*

Communion 2: How Great is Our God

*The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice*

Chorus

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

*And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End,
beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one,
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb*

Bridge

*Name above all names,
worthy of all praise
My heart will sing,
how great is our God*

Post Communion Prayer

After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together.

All: *Heavenly Father, 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

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

Recessional: God of Grace and God of Glory (594)

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Fellowship Offerings

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

is available from 8:45 a.m. until noon, on the first floor of the education building on Sunday. Please pick up children 18 months and under at the sharing of God's Peace. For Communion all older children will be brought up at the Peace.

SUNDAY MORNING Please join us!

1 Corinthians: Led by Matt in the fellowship hall. 9:15 a.m.

Followers of the Cross: Led by Hayes Howard, 9:15 a.m. studying the Gospel of John in the educational building.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Women's Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 12, led by Teresa Cooksey & Kitsy Wedekind in the education building at 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NOON from 12 to 12:45 p.m. Come to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST Currently we are studying *The Gospel of John* by Josh Moody. Come for breakfast and discussion at 8:00 a.m. each Friday in the fellowship hall.

FRIDAY YOUNG(ISH) MEN'S LUNCH We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively men's community group as we discuss Sunday's sermon text. We meet at noon each Friday at the Falafel X Bar.



Announcements

FAMILY LUNCH

Join us for an extended fellowship after church **this Sunday, January 11th**. Visit with your church family and chat with Matt about the sermon. Lunch will be provided.

HOT TOPIC WEDNESDAYS

Real Questions. Honest Conversations. Biblical Truth.

Join us once a month at the home of Matt and Catie Rusch to talk about current events in the world. We want to ask the tough questions and explore Biblical answers. We believe that our church should be a place where we can process, listen, disagree respectfully, and seek the Truth in Christ together. Have a question for Matt? Submit it to Matt ahead of time, and he will answer as many as time permits.
4369 Galileo Ave., 32210 **January 14th, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

YOUTH GROUP Returns on January 11th in the church from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

MERE ANGLICANISM returns to Charleston on **January 22–24, 2026!** Join world-class theologians and scholars as they explore this year’s theme: *“You Are Not Your Own: Gospel Identity in an Age of Expressive Individualism.”* This conference is designed to help believers become more informed and equipped to *“take theology home with them.”* Learn more about this year’s speakers at www.mereanglicanism.org/conference-speakers.

If you are interested in attending, please contact **Matt or Catie** for more information.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Holly Allen	20 Maddie Hadd
05 Gio Correia	21 Jim Godwin
18 Kendall Bryan	23 Stuart Rusch
19 Henry Bryan	26 Riley Smith
19 Carter Bryan	26 Bob King
21 Azin Cooksey	30 Charlotte Peer

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

07 Catie & Matt Rusch 31 Holly & Will Allen

VESTRY

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Serving This Sunday at 10:15 am	
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1st Reader	Rev. Scott Schultz & Jennifer Gaffney
2nd Reader-Prayers	Caroline Ellison
Chalice	Rev. Scott Schultz
Altar Set	Virginia Kirby

How Can I Give?



Cover: See inside back cover for more information.