



Second Sunday of
Epiphany
January 18, 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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be*

Chorus

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

*Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love*

*Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside*

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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.

Gloria in Excelsis

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*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.

Reader: ⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not
delighted, but you have given me an open ear.*
*All: **Burnt offering and sin offering you have not
required.***

Reader: ⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I have come;”
*All: **in the scroll of the book it is written of me:***

Reader: ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;*
*All: **your law is within my heart.”***

Reader: ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;*
*All: **behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.***

Reader: ¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within
my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your salvation;*
*All: **I have not concealed your steadfast love and
your faithfulness from the great
congregation.***

Reader: ¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;*
*All: **your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!***

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.***

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. ²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual: Rock of Ages

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Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: “Up From the Pit”

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:

Christ Church Anglican, Wakulla;
Celebration Anglican Fellowship, Celebration;
Matt and Catie, Scott and Cathleen, Jody Farmer, Nancy Bryan, Bryan Pyle,
Shirley Johnson, and Gray Echols.
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, especially Katherin Baldwin and Ed Saker, 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: Take My Life and Let it Be

*Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise*

*Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee*

*Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee*

*Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose*

*Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne*

*Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee*

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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: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

Ending

*When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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Communion 2: At the Lamb's High Feast (174)

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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (390)

Dismissal

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

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

Announcements

ANNUAL MEETING Save the date of Sunday, **February 22**. Our Annual Meeting will take place immediately following the 10:15 service. Please **submit Vestry nominations by February 8**. The current slate for Vestry is as follows: Don Lester, Jennifer Gaffney, Ned Daze.

FAMILY LUNCH

Mark your calendar for an extended fellowship after church **Sunday, February 8th**. 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 **February 11th, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

YOUTH GROUP Tonight in the church from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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
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VESTRY

Chris Yates
Kendall Bryan, Jr.
Charlie Radford
Suzanne Suttles

Jonathan Cox
Doug Daze
Sharon Vinyard
Lee Wedekind

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!:

Rector's Forum: 1 Corinthians, led by Matt at, 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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.

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2nd Reader-Prayers	Caroline Ellison
Chalice	Rev. Scott Schultz & Jennifer Gaffney
Altar Set	Virginia Kirby

How Can I Give?

