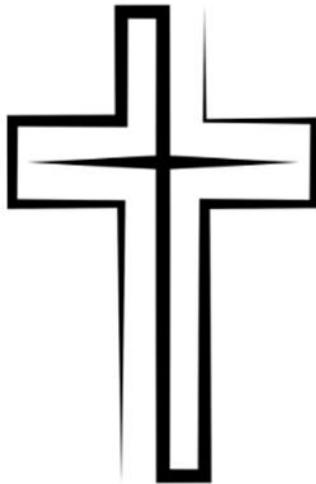


# Church of the Holy Cross



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026  
10 a.m.  
Holy Communion

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# Gathering of the People

## Welcome

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn LEVAS 58 *The Lord is my light*



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861).

### Call to Worship (Words from Sundays and Seasons & WLP 794)

**Celebrant** The Savior of the nations has come,  
**People** **To light our way and heal our wounds.**  
**Celebrant** Many are the light beams from the one light.  
**People** **Our one light is Jesus.**  
**Celebrant** Many are the branches of the one tree.  
**People** **We are one in Christ.**  
**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.**

**Song of Praise** LEVAS 76 (v.1 & 3) *Jesus in the morning*

1. Je - sus, 2. Praise Him, 3. Love Him, 4. Serve Him, 5. Je - sus, sus, in the morn - ing

1. Je - sus in the noon - time; 2. Praise Him in the noon - time; 3. Love Him in the noon - time; 4. Serve Him in the noon - time; 5. Je - sus in the noon - time; sus, sus, sus, sus

1. Je - sus, 2. Praise Him, 3. Love Him, 4. Serve Him, 5. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down! Je - sus when the sun goes down!

**Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** God be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

**Reader** A reading from book of the prophet Micah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

**People      Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 112:1-9, [10]** *The congregation will read the verses in bold.*

Reader      We will read Psalm 112 responsively by whole verse.

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \***  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \***  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 **For they will never be shaken; \***  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink, \***  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

[10 **The wicked will see it and be angry;**  
**they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \***  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.]**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Reader      A reading from first Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn** VF 98 *Lord, speak to me that I might speak*

*Sing the v1-2 before the gospel & v3 after.*



**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev Toby Darrah

### **Nicene Creed**

*The people recite this ancient statement of faith together.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Creator, 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 Creator,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator.  
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 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 God.  
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 Creator and the Son,  
who with the Creator and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
and who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy universal 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 (BCP, Form II)**

*Reader*      I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Bonnie and Sean; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.      *Silence*

*Reader*      I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the wellbeing of all people. Pray for justice and peace.      *Silence*

*Reader*      I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.      *Silence*

*Reader*      I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.      *Silence*

Reader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Silence

*Please offer your own prayers silently, aloud, or typed into the Zoom chat to be read.*  
The Celebrant concludes:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution** (from Sundays and Seasons)

Deacon Let us name our faults and failings and come to the Lord seeking grace:  
**All** **Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow faithfully, but so often we get lost or turn away. We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even, by your grace, to love our enemies, but we fail. We take the wrong path and stray from the way of your love. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you.**

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**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

### **Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory Hymn** *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*

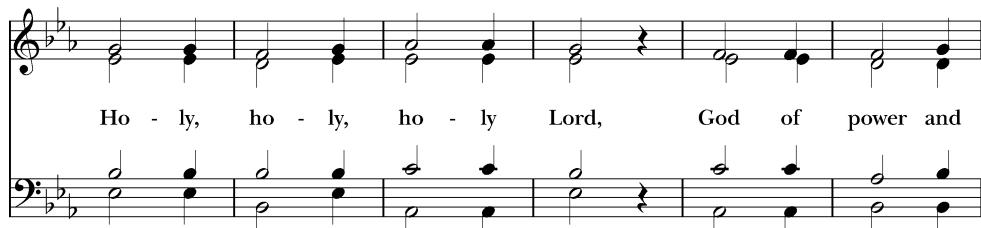
*All sing the Offertory while the Deacon sets the table and the offering plate is passed.*

### **Communion Prayer** (BCP Prayer A)

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**Sanctus** S 130 *Holy, holy, holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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**Holy and gracious God:** 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 Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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, a  
nd deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of Bread** – *Celebrant takes and breaks 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, 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. Holy gifts for Holy people. **Amen.**

### **The Communion of the People**

*No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

### **Communion Music      MHSO 59      Longing for light**

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the  
 truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing, hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants  
 your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

### Concluding Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

**People** **O God of our ancestors, God of all people, before whose face the human generations pass away: We give thanks that in you we are forever at home, and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son remembered in this holy sacrament of his body and blood. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

**Sending Hymn** H 787 (sing twice) *We are marching in the light of God*

We are marching in the light of God,  
 We are marching in the light of God,  
 We are marching in the light of God,  
 We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
 We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
 We are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
 We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,  
 We are marching in the light of God.

### Going Into the World

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

### Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.  
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Larry Jansen  
Reader 2: Rebecca McCormick  
Prayer: Jane Foote  
Greeter/Usher: Cathi Peterson & Anita Stromberg  
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