



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Organist

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 18, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent,
for this is a house of prayer for all people.*

PRELUDE

All stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Paderborn</i> Ye servants of God, your master proclaim	Hymnal 535
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Please be seated.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: **Glory to God, for ever and ever.**

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.**

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
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Isaiah 49:1-7

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 40:1-12 *Expectans, expectavi*

The Psalm is read responsively by whole 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Lyons* How wondrous and great

Hymnal 533

THE GOSPEL | John 1:29-42

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

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).

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

All stand.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
for the 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

from *Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource
for Episcopal Worship (Year A)*

*Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray
responsively.*

Beloved of God, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. I bid you to "Come and see the great things God has done. Let us rejoice!"

We pray for your Church. Give us as a light to the nations. Sanctify us in Christ
Jesus, call us to be saints and strengthen us to follow Jesus to the end.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

We pray for this nation and the world. May your salvation, O God, reach to the ends of the earth. May all the peoples know of your faithfulness and your deliverance.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

We pray for all of creation. Give us a sense of awe as we consider all the works of your hands.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

We pray for our local community. Make our footing sure. May our future be secured by your love and faithfulness.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

We pray for forgiveness for the injustices being done in this country, to our fellow human beings, and we pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration policies and enforcement.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

We pray for all those in need of your healing and strength. Lift them out of the desolate pit. Put in their mouths a new song, a song of praise. May they know just how great for them are your wonders and your plans. Especially we pray for Emmie, Dick, Dianne, Christine, Emily, Gene, Hudson, Brody, Peggy, and Kenny and his family.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

We pray for those who have died. In your great faithfulness, keep them blameless for the day our Lord Jesus Christ. Honor them in your sign forever.

Come and see the great things God has done.

Let us rejoice!

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Your Son lived and died as one of us that we might know the surest path to the life we were created for. Let the light of His love shine in our lives, dispelling all darkness and leading us ever forward into your glory. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

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.

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 the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN | Count your blessings

See insert

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand for the presentation of the offering.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 | Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel as able.

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:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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,

**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

Hymnal S164

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

The first line of the Fraction Anthem is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "us."

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

The second line of the Fraction Anthem continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The musical notation is consistent with the first line, featuring two voices and piano accompaniment in the key of F# and 4/4 time.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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.

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of glory

Performed by Kevin Anderson

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 | *Lift Every Voice* Lift every voice and sing

Hymnal 599

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE |

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room,
to the left as you exit the nave.**

St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Emmie Brand, Dick Wood, Dianne Abernethy, Christine Risdon, Emily Minton, Gene Wells, Brody Johnson, Hudson Garrett, Peggy Gjertsen, and Kenny Hall and his family. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Mike Sawyer and Liz Dixon.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*
Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*
Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody,
Kathy McMurtry
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Chris Butzon
Ushers: William Morgan & Steve Morse
Virtual Ministers: Katherine Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Martha Dimon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Carleen Frokjer

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

- JAN 19: MLK Day (office closed)
JAN 21: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation at 3 pm (before Evening Prayer)
FEB 1: First Sundays Wonder Church! A non-traditional liturgy for all ages guaranteed to breathe new life into our worship. First Sunday brunch to follow
FEB 4: St. Nicholas Book Club

2025 Tax Year Giving Statements went out Thursday morning, by email if you have an email address on file with us; otherwise by U.S. mail. Contact Erin in the office if you did not receive one or if you have any questions. Thanks to everyone for your generous support of St. Nicholas in 2025!

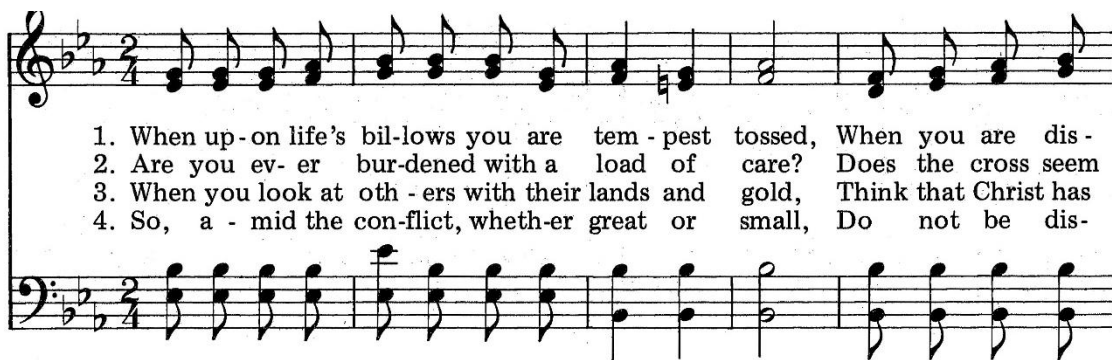
The **St. Nicholas Book Club** selected *Theo of Golden* by local author Allen Levi for February. From *GoodReads*: *Questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden.... He arrives early one spring and by chance - or is it? - he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.'* *Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed.*

The Harris County Men's Club is again sponsoring an **MLK Day celebration** in Hamilton. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. on January 19, with an uplifting and thoughtful program at 2:00. All events begin at old Carver High, 757 Carver Circle. All are invited to be in *community* and *unity* on this day.

Scouting Sunday is February 8! If you have any Scouts or Scout leaders in your family – current and former - that would like to join us for recognition and small reception after the service, please invite them!

Lynn and Charles Norris have been nominated for the first annual Absalom Jones Dignity Award for their work with the Harris County Remembrance Project and their many other efforts to promote racial healing in our community. The award winner will be announced in February. [Read more in your newsletter.](#)

OFFERTORY HYMN | Count your blessings



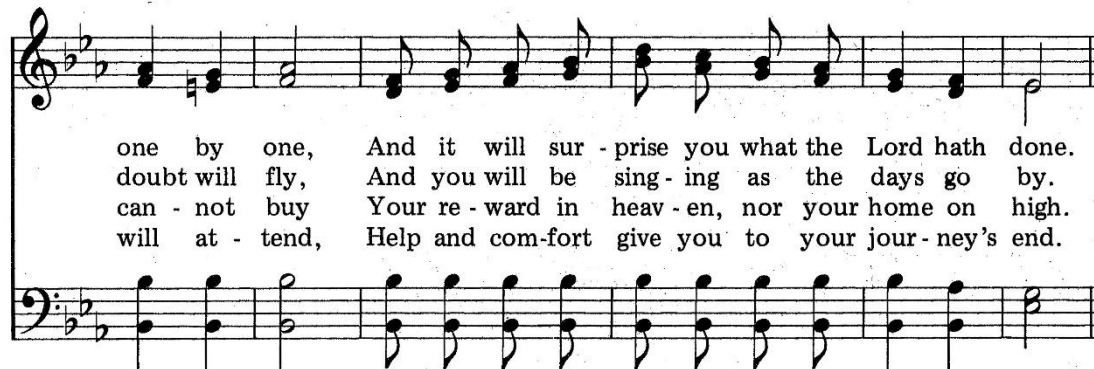
1. When up-on life's bil-lows you are tem - pest tossed, When you are dis -
 2. Are you ev - er bur-dened with a load of care? Does the cross seem
 3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has
 4. So, a - mid the con-flict, wheth-er great or small, Do not be dis -

TEXT: Johnson Oatman, Jr.
 MUSIC: Edwin O. Excell

BLESSINGS
 11.11.11.11. with Refrain



cour - aged, think-ing all is lost, Count your man-y bless - ings, name them
 heav - y you are called to bear? Count your man-y bless - ings, ev - 'ry
 prom - ised you His wealth un - told; Count your man-y bless - ings, mon - ey
 cour - aged, God is o - ver all; Count your man-y bless - ings, an - gels



one by one, And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.
 doubt will fly, And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.
 can - not buy Your re - ward in heav - en, nor your home on high.
 will at - tend, Help and com-fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

Refrain

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your
 Count your man-y blessings, name them one by one; Count your man-y
 blessings, see what God hath done; Count your blessings,
 blessings, see what God hath done; Count your man-y blessings,
 name them one by one; Count your man-y blessings, see what God hath done.

