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The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

February 15, 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 | *Hyfrydol* Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460
vv. 1, 3, 4, 6

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.**

GLORIA

Hymnal S 280

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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Exodus 24:12-18

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 2

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.

6 "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

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 | 2 Peter 1:16-21

Lector: A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my

Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Wareham* O wondrous type! O vision fair

Hymnal 137

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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.**

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

Holy God, as we wait in expectation for your majesty, we offer you our heartfelt prayers as we say, “O Savior, hear us.”

Be present in your church, in the gathering of your people, and send your spirit to enliven and encourage us today.

O Savior, hear us.

We pray for our nation, and for all nations, for those who lead, and for those who work for change, that they may labor to better the lives of their communities.

O Savior, hear us.

We pray for the people of the earth, for those who hunger, thirst, or yearn for freedom. We pray also for those who have all their needs met, but who are deaf to the cries of the imprisoned, the impoverished, and the persecuted, that their eyes may be opened.

O Savior, hear us.

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.

O Savior, hear us.

We long to end the suffering of those in trouble and we ask for your comfort and healing for those who are sick, anxious, hopeless, grieving, or dying. Be powerfully present to those in need. Especially we pray for Katherine, Kellie, Emmie, Christine, Emily, Hudson, and Kenny and his family.

O Savior, hear us.

We pray for the dying and those who gather around them. We pray for a peaceful death and rise in glory in the coming age.

O Savior, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

All this we ask in the certainty of your love, in our longing for your return, and in the promise of your coming again. **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 | Heavenly sunlight

Booklet 19

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





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

All people are invited to receive Communion. Extend two hands if you wish to receive the bread and the wine; one hand if you want bread only. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. The clergy will stand by the first pews and you can make your way to them to receive communion and then return to your pews.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, all Christians, be committed

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.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Next week is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This is the last week we will say “alleluia” in the liturgy until Easter morning.

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Lord make haste to help us, alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL | *Lasst uns erfreuen* Ye watchers and ye holy ones Hymnal 618

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 Katherine Johnson, Kellie Dixon, Emmie Brand, Christine Risdon, Emily Minton, Hudson Garrett, 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

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry, Steve
Morse, and Linda Pace,
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: John Brent
Usher: William Morgan & Steve Morse
Virtual Ministers: Drucye Cox
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Carleen Frokjer

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

TODAY: The Vestry meets after the service.

FEB 17: St. Nicholas Mardi Gras 5:30 p.m.

FEB 18: Ash Wednesday service at noon
Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

FEB 22: Pancakes with the Priest after the service

MAR 1: Wonder Church followed by 1st Sunday Brunch

MAR 8: Visit from the Bishop & Confirmations

9:30 a.m. Bishop's Forum with congregation and Vestry

MAR 22: Eucharistic Visitor Training after the service

MAR 29: Adult Forum: True Hospitality

Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation falls on Ash Wednesday this month so we will skip February – see you for chattin’ and snackin’ on March 18!

St. Nicholas’ **world-famous Mardi Gras party** is February 17 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the music and food of New Orleans! Please sign up in the narthex to bring a Cajun or Creole dish to contribute to the covered-dish dinner. See your newsletter for more details. (You may see some publicity that asks for an RSVP. Members of St. Nicholas are not required to RSVP, only sign up to bring food.)

The 2026 Hunger Walk is Sunday, March 15th. The Episcopal Community Foundation is one of the five partners in this annual event; monies they receive are then distributed throughout our Diocese in the form of grants to be used for programs to alleviate hunger. Last year ECF gave BackSnacks a \$30,000 grant for capital improvements, so the money does come back to our area! Sheri Cody is willing to register you after church services in February, just like she did last year.

You do not have to walk. You can register or give a donation without walking. Those who would like to walk will take a walk in our area versus going to Atlanta for the walk. **Our goal is to raise \$500 to fight hunger.**

Our **Rector’s Discretionary Fund** - one of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities – had a lot of demands on it after this last cold snap. If you feel moved to donate a bit, it would be put to good use!

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St. Nicholas Book Club News: After an exciting February meeting with local author Allen Levi, the Club selected for their March read *Evening Class*, a 1996 novel by the Irish author Maeve Binchy. See your newsletter for more. The Book Club next meets on March 4 after Evening Prayer.

