

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

01 February 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #542

Christ is the world's true light

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria S280

The Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 15

- 1 O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, *
who speak truthfully from the heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon their tongues;
they do no evil to their friends; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors.
- 4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
but they honor those who fear God.
5. They have sworn to do no wrong*
and do not take back their word.

- 6 They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will
thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form I BCP 383

Confession of Sin BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

Anthem *Organist and Choir*

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving EP B BCP 367
Sanctus S125

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
The Fraction S154

Communion of the People

Hymn #554 *'Tis the gift to be simple*

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn LEVAS #38 *On a hill far away*

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*
Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing 1993*
Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Cindy Frank, Carol Adams, Cindy Leap, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly and Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Rick McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Bill & Doris Horner, Donovan Pendell, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Lou Hoffer, Ardean Kreasko, and Keith Hipp.

Candles in the Lady's Chapel

During Lent we do not place flowers on the altar. To remember your loves ones or to celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary,

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Our Chicken & Biscuit Dinner is only weeks away and we need your help in making it a success. Check February's Grapevine for more information.

Readers and Greeters — January-February 2025

If you are unable to read or usher on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know.

Sunday Readers

February 1	HE	Richard Burkert & Donna Carosi
February 8	MP	Doug Zawiskie & Pam Hysong
February 15	HE	Joann Lacko & Lisa Bell-Loncella
February 22	MP	Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry

Sunday Greeters

February 1	Sam & Heidi Buchan
February 8	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
February 15	Amy & Penn Whitlow
February 22	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

Sunday: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday Feb. 1st 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Thursday Feb. 5th 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday Feb. 8th 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday Feb. 25th 8:00 pm Compline
On Zoom

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Church of the Nativity, Crafton,
and the
Rev. Miguel Carmona

Altar Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Alice Anderson
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-2, (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service.*

