

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

18 January 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn # 7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

The Opening Acclamation
Sanctus

BCP 355

The Collect of the Day:

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7

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.”

The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently for you, O God; *
 you stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the
 mire and clay; *
 you set my feet upon a high cliff and made
 my footing sure.
- 3 You 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 you.

- 4 Happy are they who trust in you *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false
gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done,
O 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 GOD, 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 HOLY ONE;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe
for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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.

The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 1:29-42

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).

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 VI

BCP 392

Exchange of the Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving EP B
Sanctus

BCP 367

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction

Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn # 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

Psalms 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 in 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. Cleanse 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, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly and Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Rick McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Ardean Kreasko.

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, and Keith Hipp.

Flowers and Candles

There are many openings for Flowers and Candles during the year. To remember your loved ones or to celebrate a Birthday or an Anniversary.

A vase of Flowers is \$30 which you can take home after the service.
A 7 Day Candle is \$8.00.

Readers and Greeters — January-February 2026

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

January 18	HE	Donovan Pendell & Pam Hysong
January 26	MP	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Colleen Curry
February 1	HE	Richard Burkert & Dona Carosi
February 8	MP	Doug Zawiskie & Pam Hysong
February 15	HE	Joann Lacko & Lisa Bell-Loncella
February 22	MP	Dona Carosi & Colleen Curry
March 1	HE	

Sunday Greeters

January 18	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
January 25	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
February 1	Sam & Heidi Buchan
February 8	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
February 15	Amy & Penn Whitlow
February 22	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
March 1	

Compline

Please join us every third Wednesday evening for Compline which will be on Zoom at 8 PM.

Sunday: The Second after the Epiphany

Sunday	Jan. 18 th	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
			Annual Budget Meeting Potluck Luncheon
Monday	Jan. 19 th		Martin Luther King Office Closed
Wednesday	Jan. 21 st	8:00 pm	Compline On Zoom

Next Sunday: The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday	Jan. 25 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg
and

The Rev. Charles Esposito

Altar Flowers Given To The Greater Glory of God

As A Loving Birthday Remembrance
For Kenn Leap
January 22nd
From Wife Cindy

In Loving Memory of
Benjamin & Viola Hastings
&
Vesta Lobb
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 21:1, 5-13
Corinthians 1:110-18
Matthew 4:12-23

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