



CHRIST  
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CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday after the  
Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II with  
Confirmations, Receptions and  
Reaffirmations

February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

## Abbreviations

**BCP** = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

**H** = Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

**LEVAS** = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Red and Black Book)

**WLP** = Wonder, Love, and Praise (Green Book)



*Please remember to silence your cellphones.  
Thank you!*

*Prayer Before Worship (BCP, 833)*

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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### Announcements / Prelude

#### **The Word of God**

Opening Hymn .....	H 542
Opening Acclamation .....	BCP 413
Collect of the Day.....	Insert
First Reading .....	Micah 6:1-8
Psalms 15 .....	Insert
Second Reading.....	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Sequence Hymn .....	H 490
Gospel .....	Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon.....	The Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris
Presentation and Examination of the	
Candidates.....	BCP 415
The Baptismal Covenant.....	BCP 416
Prayers for the Candidates .....	BCP 305
Peace .....	BCP 419

#### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem .....	<i>Blessed Are They'</i>
Presentation of Gifts .....	H 380, v.3
Great Thanksgiving: Prayer D .....	BCP 372
Holy, Holy, Holy ( <i>Sanctus</i> ).....	Hymnal S-130
The Lord's Prayer .....	BCP 364
Breaking of Bread.....	Hymnal S-164
Communion .....	H 560, H 593, H 335
<i>All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.</i>	
<i>Please tell an Usher if you want Communion brought to you.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer .....	BCP 365
St. Francis Prayer .....	BCP 833
Blessing	
Processional into World .....	LEVAS 120
Dismissal .....	BCP 366
Postlude	

## **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.*

## A Reading from the Prophet Micah

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? (6:1-8)

	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

*Pause at the \* and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is  
right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his  
neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## **A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians**

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.” (1:18-31)

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.



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

*People*                      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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." (5:1-12)

<i>People</i>	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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*All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

### **Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive**

*For those watching the service on YouTube, the following prayer may be said during communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

*Prayer After Worship (BCP, 834)*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THOSE BEING CONFIRMED:**

Barbara Jean Allen  
Declan Oliver Gilmer  
Jesse Willard Pait  
Kimberly Beatrice Hayden

**THOSE BEING RECEIVED:**

Janice Forest Feagan

**THOSE BEING REAFFIRMED:**

Beth Henrietta Goshin  
Elizabeth Gayle Garnett  
Penelope Evelyn Knepp  
Lisa Rae Wright

## **Serving Today**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris
<i>Bishop's Assistant</i>	The Rev'd Jackie Pitre
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	The Rev'd Daniel Johnson, O.P.A.
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Lectors</i>	Anne Williams (OT) Ann Woolford (E)
<i>Crucifer/Chalice</i>	Linda Rooney
<i>Acolyte/Chalice</i>	Connie Hockaday
<i>Ushers</i>	Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez
<i>Streaming</i>	Werner Wieland
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Williams Team

## **Additional Liturgies**

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday  
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

## **Online Services**

Tuesday through Friday  
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

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## Announcements

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to be added to our email list, if you have a prayer request, or if you would like to speak with the priest, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.



If you would like to **donate to Christ Church electronically**, please scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera to access our giving page. You can also Text CCSPOTSY to 73256 to donate or go to our website, <https://www.christchurchspotsy.com/give>.

**Bishop's Discretionary Fund.** Today's loose offering will go toward the Bishop's discretionary fund. Please be generous.

**The Altar Flowers** are given by Rosanne Desmone in loving memory of my husband, Michael.

**Our Annual Meeting** will be held next Sunday, February 8, after a 10:00 a.m. Rite II Eucharist. Please join us as we begin with a potluck lunch, hear of the accomplishments of Christ Church in 2025, and vote for new Vestry members.

**As people of prayer**, we ask your prayers for Clark; Margaret: **May & Valerie; Nancy, Roy & James; Raj**; Winson; Rolanda (Roe) Alderman, **Lewis Bourne, Viola Bradshaw**, Clark Burrell, Delmy Calderas & family, Margaret Curtis, Desiree Daniels, Alan Demascus, Claudia DePollo, Liz DiRusso, Julianna Dove, Bill Duncan, Perry Duvall, Greyson Earnest, Donna Ellyson, Calib Garland, Jane George, Nikki Green, Margaret Hafer, Christian Hall, Susan Hall, Michelle Hammerle, Dana Houck, Edd Houck, Oliver Jones, Donna Kenkel, Lois Kenkel, Larry Klipp, **John Lentine**, The Linton Family, Patty Lucado, Emily McNeill, John & Carol Marsland, Hank Mausolf, Alexandra Midland, Jason Miller, Cheryl Miranda, Lucille Mothershead, **Glen Mountney**, Joy Newlin, Joe Norris, Ed O'Conner, Judi O'Neill, Rebecca Patel, Loretta & Roy Perry, Keith Peters, Dylan Rodriguez, Janet Shipp, Thom Smelter, Jan Smith, Katrina & Caleb Smith, Ann & Ron Tebbutt, Jay Thomas, Sue Ann Thomas, Saleanma Thurman-Bey, Amy Umberger, Heather Wells, Nancy White, **Werner Wieland**, Charles Wolfe, Elizabeth Womble, Gail Womble, Elaine Wyant. (New names added are bolded.)

If you would like to have your name or somebody else's name added to our published Prayer List, please contact our secretary, Denise, at [secretary@christchurchspotsy.com](mailto:secretary@christchurchspotsy.com); for our unpublished Prayer Wheel, please contact Judi O'Neill at [judiandbob13@comcast.net](mailto:judiandbob13@comcast.net).



## **Serving next Sunday, February 8, 10AM**

*Lectors* Bruce Adkins (OT)  
Linda Rooney (E)

*Litanist* Beth Goshin

*Crucifer/Chalice* Geoff Pomroy

*Acolyte/Chalice* Kristi Gross

*Ushers* Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez

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<sup>1</sup> *Blessed Are They* by Lee Dengler