



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 2026 ♦ 10:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Liz Cantine and in loving memory of her beloved parents, Amelia and Mitchell, and big brother, Art, and big sister, Diane.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, February 9

- 6:00 pm Friars Dinner
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 10

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner (Corner Bakery)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, February 12

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, February 15

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Annual Antiques Show Meeting

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

O Zion, Tune Thy Voice

Hymnal #543

O Zion, tune thy voice, and raise thy hands on high; tell He gilds thy morn-ing face with beams that can - not fade; his In hon - or to his Name re - flect that sa - cred light; and There on his ho - ly hill a bright - er sun shall rise, and

all the earth thy joys, and boast sal - va - tion nigh. Cheer -

all - re - splen - dent grace he pours a - round thy head; the

loud that grace pro - claim, which makes thy dark - ness bright; with his ra - diance fill those fair - er pur - er skies; while

ful in God, a - rise and shine, while rays di - vine stream

na - tions round thy form shall view, with lus - ter new di -

sue his praise, till sov - ereign love in worlds a - bove the

round his throne ten thou - sand stars in no - bler spheres his

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all a - broad.

vine - ly crowned.

glo - ry raise.

in - fluence own.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751); based on "The Third Song of Isaiah".

Music: "Darwall's 148th," melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789);

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: **+** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

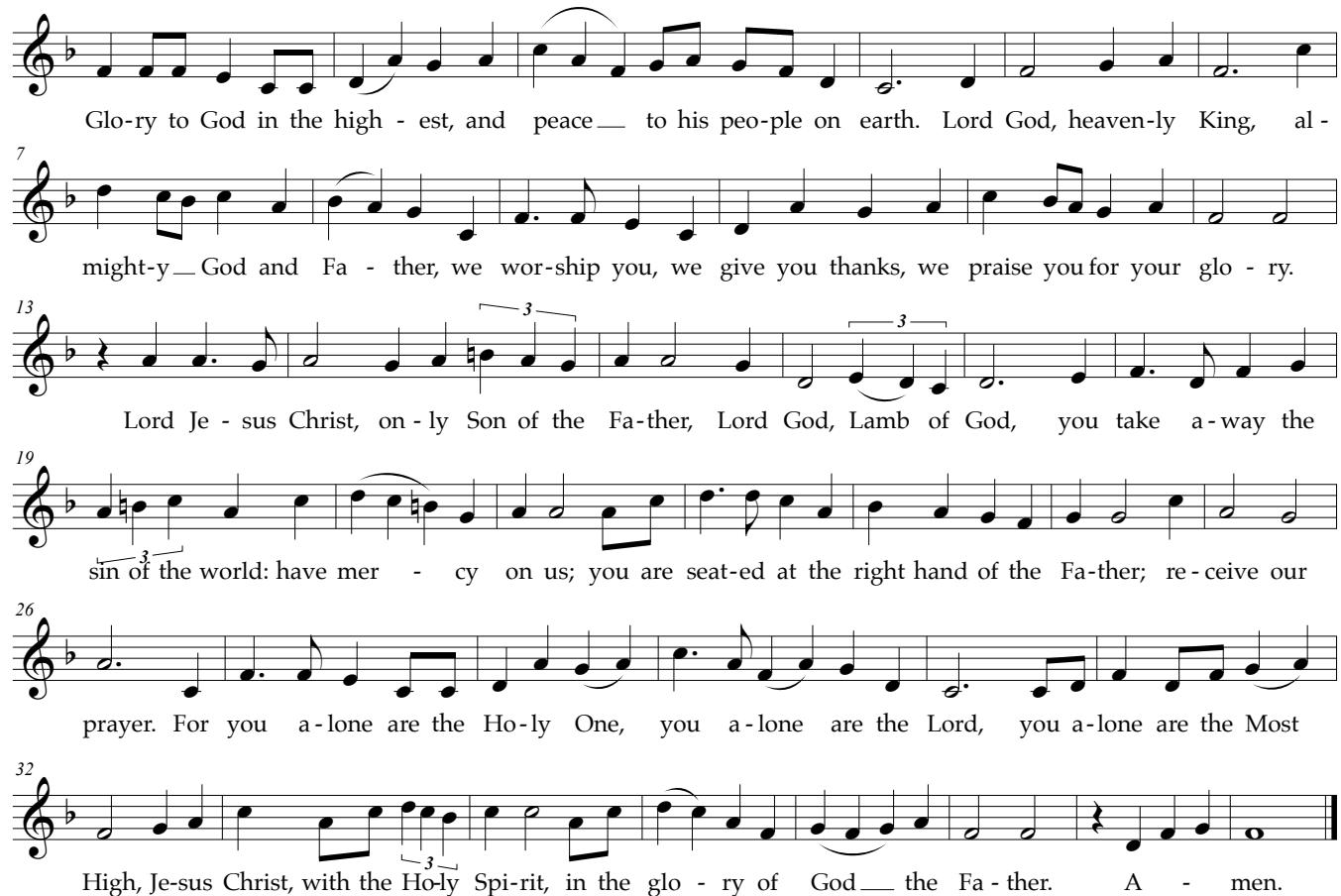
The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
People 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.

The Gloria

Gloria

Hymnal #S-280



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace— to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al -
mighty— God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

Setting by Robert Powell, S-280 The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 112:1-10

Reader Let us read from Psalm 112 responsively (the People reading the text in **bold**).

The just man is a light in dark-ness to the up - right.

Psalm Response: O Lord, Our God - Words: English translation from Lectionary for Mass,

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¹Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.....Refrain

⁶For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.....Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

The People Who in Darkness Walked

Hymnal #126

The people who in darkness walked
To us the promised Child is born,
His name shall be the Prince of Peace
His power in - creas - ing still shall spread,

have seen a glo - rious light;
to us the Son is given;
for ev - er no - more a - dored,
his reign - - - shall know;

on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn
him shall the tribes of earth o - bey,
the Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - lor,
the jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove,

who dwelt in death and night.
and all the hosts of heaven.
the might - y a - bound be and Lord.
the and peace - a - bound be and low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: "Dundee," melody "The CL Psalms of David," 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Deacon **+** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said: ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Deacon For all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn & Dale Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, the victims of violence everywhere, and for those who commit violence, that they may cease their evil ways and know the Love of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, **+** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

The Absolution

Celebrant 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.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Communion Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Craig Courtney

St. Francis Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Offertory Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal #488



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, save that thou art, thou my best through, by what day or by night, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, by what - ev - er be - fall, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light. still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hall (1860-1935), alt.

Music: "Slane," Irish ballad melody; adapt. "The Church Hymnary," 1927, harm. David Evans (1874-1948); By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C)

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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

WLP #858

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

The Sanctus continues on the next page.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Hagar, Keturah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

O Spirit of Life O Spirit of God

Hymnal #505

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, in every need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est forth from God's great throne, from our dear Lord; un - less thy grace the power should give, none that same word; teach us to know the Fa - ther's love, and God, the Fa - ther and the Son; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of can be - lieve in Christ and live; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of his dear Son, who reigns a - bove; O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

God.
God.
God.

Words: Johann Niedling (1602-1668); tr. John Caspar Mattes (1876-1948), alt.;

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The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts for Holy People.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song

God Be in My Head

Hymnal #694

God be in my head, and in my under- stand-ing; God be in mine eyes, and in my look-ing; God be in my mouth, and in my speak-ing; God be in my heart, and in my think-ing. God be at mine end, and in my de-part-ing.

Words: "Sarum Primer," 1514. Music: "Lylington," Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).
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Special Offering

Precious Lord, Thomas Dorsey

Jill Lynch, soprano

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, **+** The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

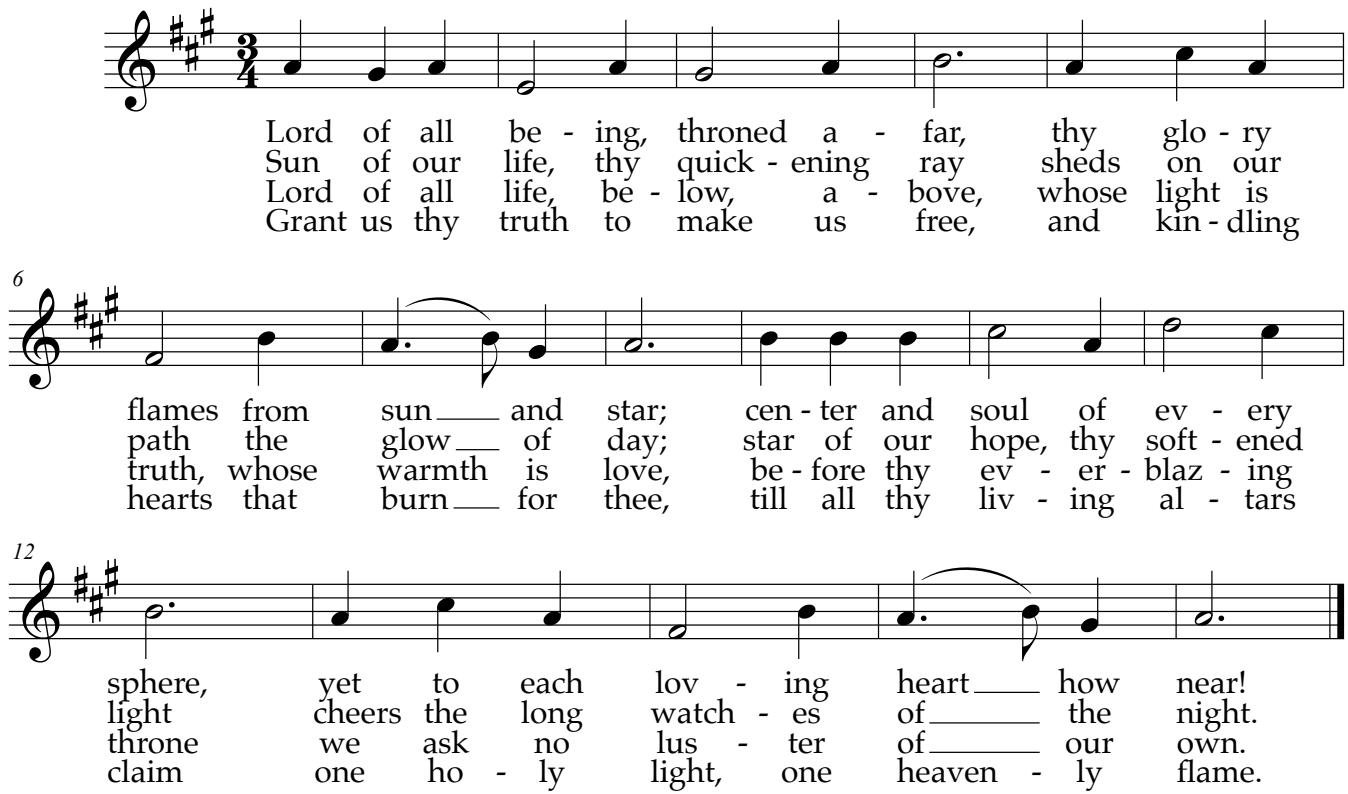
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Recessional Hymn
Lord of All Being, Throned Afar

Hymnal #419



Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, thy glo - ry
Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our
Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is
Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling

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flames from sun and star; cen - ter and soul of ev - ery
path the glow of day; star of our hope, thy soft - ened
truth, whose warmth is love, be - fore thy ev - er - blaz - ing
hearts that burn for thee, till all thy liv - ing al - tars

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sphere, yet to each lov - - ing heart how near!
light cheers the long watch - es of the night.
throne we ask no lus - - ter of our own.
claim one ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame.

Words: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809=1894). Music: "Mendon," from "Methodist Harmonist," 1821,
adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Postlude

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble:

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