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**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2025 11:00 AM**

Holy Baptism w/ Eucharist

Prayer A

The Rev. Annie Mertz  
*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

*All stand.*

**(H 490) I Want to Walk as a Child of Light**

**Verse 1:**

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 I want to follow Jesus.  
 God sent the stars to give light to the world.  
 The star of my life is Jesus.

**Verse 2:**

I want to see the brightness of God.  
 I want to look at Jesus.  
 Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
 and show me the way to the Father.

**Verse 3:**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ,  
 I want to be with Jesus.  
 When we have run with patience the race,  
 we shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Refrain:**

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
 The night and the sky are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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**OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p.355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

**People: And blessed be his kingdom,  
 now and for ever. Amen.**

**SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM: BCP p.299**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p.357**

*Remain seated.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*Remain seated*

Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of  
the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by  
water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM:**

**Psalm 1**

*Remain seated*

Happy are they who have not walked in  
the counsel of the wicked, \*

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
**and they meditate on his law day and  
night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of  
water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither; \*

**everything they do shall prosper.**

It is not so with the wicked; \*

**they are like chaff which the wind blows  
away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand  
upright when judgment comes, \*

**nor the sinner in the council of the  
righteous.**

For the Lord knows the way of the  
righteous, \*

**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*The people sit.*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from  
the dead, how can some of you say there is  
no resurrection of the dead? If there is no  
resurrection of the dead, then Christ has  
not been raised; and if Christ has not been  
raised, then our proclamation has been in  
vain and your faith has been in vain. We  
are even found to be misrepresenting God,  
because we testified of God that he raised  
Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true  
that the dead are not raised. For if the dead  
are not raised, then Christ has not been  
raised. If Christ has not been raised, your  
faith is futile and you are still in your sins.  
Then those also who have died in Christ  
have perished. If for this life only we have  
hoped in Christ, we are of all people most  
to be pitied.

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Continued)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL HYMN:

*The following is sung, all standing.*

**Congregation chants:**

### (A3 #218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni, Sancte, Spiritus

### GOSPEL:

**Luke 6:17-26**

*All stand.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve apostles,] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and

defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz**

**THE HOLY BAPTISM**

**BCP p.301**

*Please open the red Prayer Books in your pews to page 301*

**PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE: BCP p. 301**

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT: BCP p.304**

**PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE: BCP p.305**





## BAPTISMAL PROCESSION:

*The following is sung.*

### (LEVAS 143) Wade in the Water

#### Refrain:

Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

#### Verse 1:

See that host all dressed in white,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Israelite,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. **[Refrain]**

#### Verse 2:

See that band all dressed in red,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
Looks like the band that Moses led,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. **[Refrain]**

#### Verse 3:

Look over yonder, what do I see?  
God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. **[Refrain]**

#### Verse 4:

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. **[Refrain]**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

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## THE BAPTISM:

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## WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

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We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us  
in his eternal priesthood.

## THE ASPERSION OF THE CONGREGATION

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to **Baptismal Procession** for lyrics*

### (LEVAS 143) Wade in the Water

## THE PEACE:

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*The Peace is now exchanged*

*Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet  
one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look  
with favor, we pray, on your servants as  
they begin anew. Grant that they may  
grow in wisdom and grace, and  
strengthen their trust in your goodness  
all the days of their lives; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE:



## OFFERTORY HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

### (H 293) I Sing A Song of the Saints of God

#### Verse 1:

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a  
queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God—and I  
mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

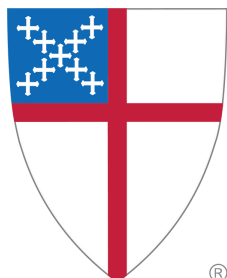
#### Verse 2:

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the  
least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

#### Verse 3:

They lived not only in ages past,  
there are hundreds of thousands still,  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or  
at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



## SURSUM CORDA:

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*The People remain standing.*

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.**

## PROPER PREFACE:

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*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to  
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven  
and earth...

...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:

*Celebrant and people*

### (S 130) Holy, Holy, Holy

#### Chorus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.



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### *The Celebrant continues*

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...

...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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

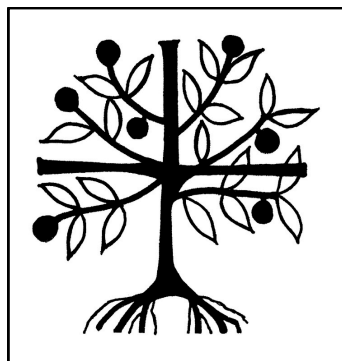
**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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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...

...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.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM:

*Celebrant and People*

**(S 164) Jesus, Lamb of God**

### **Refrain:**

Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace,  
give us your peace.



## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

### **(A3 #159) Take Our Bread**

#### **Refrain:**

Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, oh Father; we are yours, we are yours.

#### **Verse 1:**

Yours as we stand at the table you set.  
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the sign of your life with us,  
Yet we are yours, we are yours. **(Refrain)**

#### **Verse 2:**

Your holy people standing washed in your blood.

Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.  
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best that we could.

We are yours, we are yours. **(Refrain)**

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

### **(H 717) My Country 'tis of Thee**

#### **Verse 1:**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside  
let freedom ring.

#### **Verse 2:**

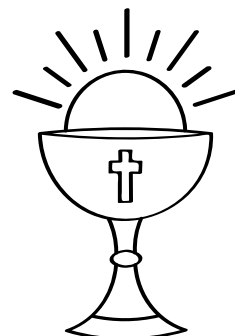
My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.

#### **Verse 3:**

Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake,  
let all that breathe partake,  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.

#### **Verse 4:**

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
author of liberty,  
to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might,  
great God, our King.





## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
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.**

## BLESSING

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*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**(LEVAS #141) Shall We Gather**

### Verse 1:

Shall we gather at the river  
Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God

### Chorus:

Yes we'll gather at the river  
The beautiful the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God

### Verse 2:

On the margin of the river  
Washing up its silver spray  
We will talk and worship ever  
All the happy golden day

### Verse 3:

Ere we reach the shining river  
Lay we ev'ry burden down  
Grace our spirits will deliver  
And provide a robe and crown

### Verse 4:

Soon we'll reach the shining river  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace

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## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



- \* Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- \* SSP St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- \* Coffee Hour volunteers needed

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Lolli Hilton  
Anna Heltsley  
Emily Peterson

### WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL



### WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

**Major Russ Morris**, U.S. Air Force Reserves  
**SFC Mike Moverley**, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army  
**Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann**, U.S. Army  
**Airman Andrew Severa**, U.S. Air Force  
**SA Michelle Severa**, PA, Air National Guard  
**Staff SGT Jake Sackett**, U.S. Air Force  
**Major Xacasia Evans-Walp**, U.S. Army

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2/21 Don Zampa  
2/22 Jim Turner

## SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Music	Bill Markley	Bill Markley
Lector	Karen Lowe	Martha Saldaña-Wolf
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Marjorie Lowry
LEM	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	Judy Furlong	Kimberly Rodekohr
Ushers	Fred & Mittie Railsback	Carole Johnson & Helen Kennedy-Lazar
Altar Guild	Liz Stallings & Kim Rodekohr	
Flowers Guild	Liz Stallings	
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson	
Verger	Bob Hall	

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### CLERGY:

**The Rev. Annie Mertz**, Rector  
**The Rev. Beth Gaines**, Deacon  
**The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert**, Associate Priest  
**The Rev. Pamela Higgins**, Associate Priest  
**The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder**, Associate Priest

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Cameron De Palma, Contemporary Music Director  
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Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator  
Tim Markley, Archivist

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TBA, Senior Warden  
TBA, Junior Warden  
Jill Morris, Ed Curtis, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Robert Vallejos, Kathryn Cojack



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# CALENDAR

## The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)  
 8:45 am +Communion  
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)  
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)  
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)  
 11 am +Communion & Baptism  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)



### MONDAY: 2/17

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)  
 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band  
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

### TUESDAY: 2/18

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 7 pm +GGSOC Practice

### WEDNESDAY: 2/19

7am AA Meeting (P)  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 10 am +Communion  
 11 am Bible Study (P)  
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)  
 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band

### THURSDAY: 2/20

7am AA Meeting (P)  
 7:30 am Coffee w/  
 Rev. Annie  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 6 pm +Music Practice

### FRIDAY: 2/21

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 7 pm NA Meeting (P)

### SATURDAY: 2/22

7 am AA Meeting (U)  
 10 am Vestry Retreat (P)

## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)  
 8:45 am +Communion  
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)  
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)  
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)  
 11 am +Communion  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 4 pm Meditation (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)



### KEY

**+** = CHURCH  
**P** = PARISH HALL  
**U** = UNDERCROFT  
**R** = RECTORY  
**K** = KITCHEN