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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Worship, Love, Live the Message

**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**  
**MARCH 2, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prayer A

*Last Sunday after Epiphany*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

*All stand.*

**(A3 #88) I Saw the Light**

**Verse 1:**

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Chorus:**

I saw the light I saw the light  
No more in darkness no more in night  
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Verse 2:**

Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave  
back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Verse 3:**

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light



**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.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY: BCP p.355**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, 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.**



**GLORIA:**

*The following is sung, all standing.*

**(A3 #113) Majesty**

Majesty, worship his majesty,  
 Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
 Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his  
 throne unto his own;  
 His anthem raise.  
 So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
 Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the  
 king.  
 Majesty, worship his majesty;  
 Jesus who died, now glorified, king of all  
 kings.

**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, who before the passion of your  
 only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon  
 the holy mountain: Grant to us that we,  
 beholding by faith the light of his  
 countenance, may be strengthened to  
 bear our cross, and be changed into his  
 likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus  
 Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
 and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:****Exodus 34:29-35**

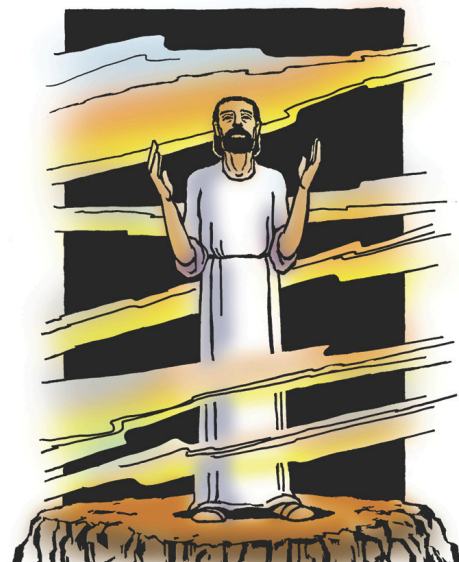
*The people sit.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As  
 he came down from the mountain with  
 the two tablets of the covenant in his  
 hand, Moses did not know that the skin of  
 his face shone because he had been  
 talking with God. When Aaron and all the  
 Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face  
 was shining, and they were afraid to  
 come near him. But Moses called to  
 them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the  
 congregation returned to him, and Moses  
 spoke with them. Afterward all the  
 Israelites came near, and he gave them in  
 commandment all that the Lord had  
 spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When  
 Moses had finished speaking with them,  
 he put a veil on his face; but whenever  
 Moses went in before the Lord to speak  
 with him, he would take the veil off, until  
 he came out; and when he came out, and  
 told the Israelites what he had been  
 commanded, the Israelites would see the  
 face of Moses, that the skin of his face was  
 shining; and Moses would put the veil on  
 his face again, until he went in to speak  
 with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*



**PSALM:****Psalm 99***Remain seated.*

The Lord is King;

let the people tremble; \*

**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion; \*

**he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

“O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*

**you have executed justice and  
righteousness in Jacob.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*

**they called upon the Lord, and he  
answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

**they kept his testimonies and the  
decree that he gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*

**you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2***The people sit.*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.***GOSPEL HYMN:***The following is sung, all standing.***Congregation chants:****(A3 #218) Veni Sancte Spiritus**

Veni, Sancte, Spiritus



**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to

the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**THE CREED: BCP p. 358**

*All stand.*

**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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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.**



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: BCP p.361**

**CONFESSION OF SIN: (BCP p.359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Priest stands and says*

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.**

**THE PEACE: BCP p.360**

*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: BCP p.376**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

**(A3 #44) Give Thanks**

**Verse 1:**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the holy one  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ,  
his son **(repeat)**

**Verse 2:**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
**(repeat)**

**Ending:**

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.



**SURSUM CORDA:****BCP p.361***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 God thanks and praise.****PROPER PREFACE:****BCP p.361***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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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***Composed by: Cameron DePalma****Chorus:**

Holy holy holy

Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and Earth are full of your praises

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

**BCP p.362***The People stand or kneel.**The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...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****BCP p.363***The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...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: (BCP p.363)**

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**



## FRACTION ANTHEM:

*Celebrant and People*

**Composed by: Cameron DePalma**

### Refrain:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN:

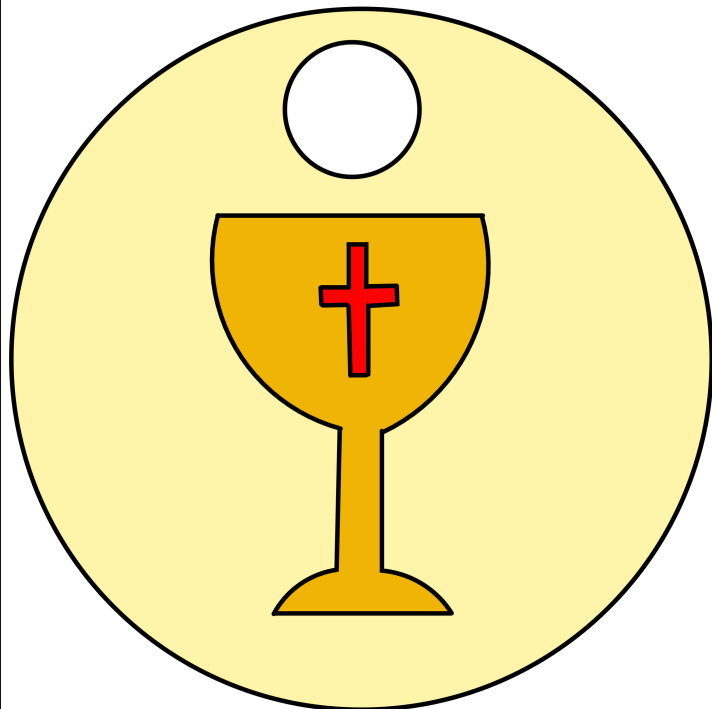
*The following is sung.*

**(A3 #201) Eat This Bread**

### Refrain:

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.



## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**(A3 #157) Swing Low Sweet Chariot**

### Chorus:

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

### Verse 1:

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. **(Chorus)**

### Verse 2:

If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home;

Tell all my friends I'm comin', too, comin' for to carry me home. **(Chorus)**

### Verse 3:

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, comin' for to carry me home;

But still my soul is glory bound, comin' for to carry me home. **(Chorus)**

Words: Traditional; Music: Negro Spiritual, Public Domain.



## 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

**BCP p.366**

*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.*

**(A3 #178) This Little Light of Mine**

### Chorus:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! . . . All around the room. . . Up and down the street. . . Everyone I meet. . .

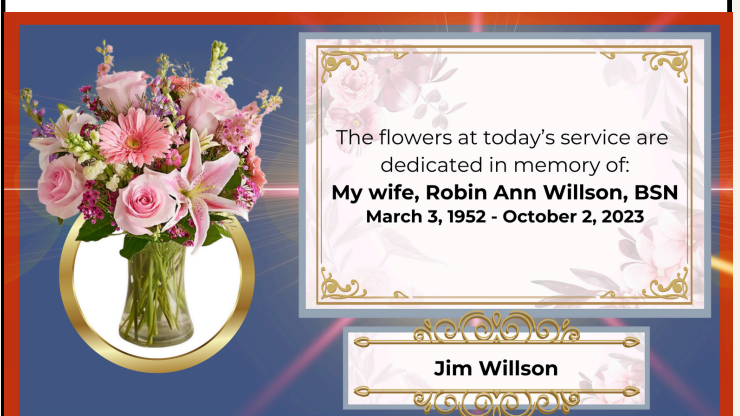
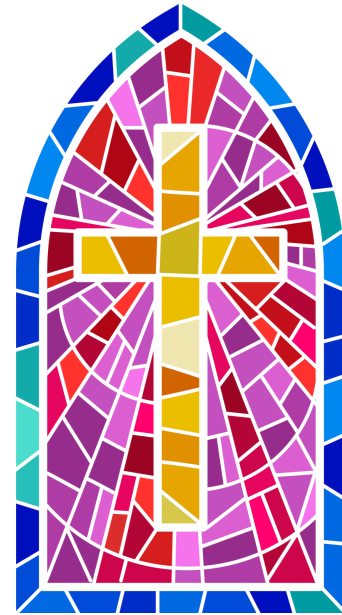


## DISMISSAL

*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

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- \* Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- \* Ash Wednesday services: 8 AM & Noon
- \* 2025 Zoom Lenten Series: The Lost Art of Kindness

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.  
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### WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert  
Georgene Keeler  
Kathy Albers  
James Carr  
Mark Park  
Judith Mooney

### WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Frederick Ekenstam,  
Brother of Gene

### 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

3/2 Ryan Morris

## 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	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Susan Owen	Martha Saldaña-Wolf
Intercessor	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell
LEM	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	Judy Furlong	Kim Rodekohr
Ushers	Jim Brown & Laura Peabody-Park	Yann & David Jouvenot-Sells
Altar Guild	Eileen Fisk & Donna Patey	
Flower Guild	Blanche Hilman	
Office Angels	Sue Flor & Carole Johnson	
Verger	Leo Harrod & Brandon Bailey	

## 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

### STAFF:

Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director  
 Cameron De Palma, Contemporary Music Director  
 Eric Foster, Communications Director  
 Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator  
 Tim Markley, Archivist

### VESTRY:

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



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# CALENDAR

## The Last 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)



### MONDAY: 3/3

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: 3/4

7 am AA Meeting (P)  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (P)

### WEDNESDAY: 3/5

#### Ash Wednesday

7am AA Meeting (P)  
 8 am +Service / Ashes to Go  
 9 am +Morning Prayer  
 10 am +Communion - Cancelled  
 11 am Bible Study (P) - Cancelled  
 12 pm +Imposition of Ashes w/ Eucharist  
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)  
 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band

### THURSDAY: 3/6

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

### FRIDAY: 3/7

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

### SATURDAY: 3/8

7 am AA Meeting (U)

## The First Sunday in Lent

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