

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026 · 10 am · Holy Eucharist, Rite II



*“A city on a hill cannot be hid.”*



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## Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing, feel free ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

### Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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An asterisk (\*) denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)  
“Hymnal” refers to the Hymnal 1982 located throughout the Nave.

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## Prelude

### \* Processional Song *"Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants"* Daw

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser-vants joy to  
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be -  
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the  
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er

set sin's cap - tives free, hope to heal the  
 come our great high priest, tak - ing on our  
 noth - ing - ness of space, kin - dling life where  
 end - ing, un - be - gun, bound - less grace and

bro - ken - heart - ed peace to share love's li - ber - ty.  
 hu - man na - ture to re - deem the last and least:  
 all was emp - ty, turn - ing cha - os in - to grace:  
 per - fect jus - tice, right - eous and for - giv - ing One:

Through us bring your balm of glad - ness to the  
 let your cour - age and com - pas - sion shape and  
 when we feel con - fused and fruit - less, dawn up -  
 so en - fold us in your mer - cy that our

wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and show God's  
 guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior and our  
 on our rest - less night; give us faith's im - ag - i -  
 wills and yours u - nite; through us may the world be -

fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

## \* Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

Celebrant      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

*“Glory to God”*

Hymnal #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace\_\_\_\_ to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

### \* Collect of the Day

Epiphany 5a

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.***

### First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout 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. Yet 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. “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. Look, 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. Is 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?

Is 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? Is 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? Then 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. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

### **Psalm 112:1-9**

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

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

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

Yet 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. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, 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”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For 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. Now 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.

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

**\* Sequence Song**      “Help Us, O Lord, to Learn”      Hymnal # 628

\* Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “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.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In 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.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For 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. Therefore, 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ”

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

### **\* Nicene Creed**

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

Daughters of the King *Service for Peace* (adapted)

DOK Intercessor: Almighty and merciful God, whose only Son came to preach peace to the nations: Hear us, we beseech you, and comfort us with your steady hand. Because we trust in you, we dare to believe:

**People: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.**

Although often lost in grief and overwhelmed by fear and anger, we hear your call to firmer faith and deeper trust. In the midst of doubt and fear you call us to be a people of prayer. Help us, O Lord, to place our confidence in you as we pray for all who have lost loved ones ... to those traumatized by memories and images they cannot forget ... to those who are paralyzed by fear ... to those who seek to do us harm.

**Hear us, O Lord, and teach us to pray, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

O God, true source of wholeness and peace, in a world bearing the wounds of suffering and grief, you call us to be a people of healing. Help us to reach out to neighbors in need, to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep. Give us the grace to share the comfort of Christ with all those who long for his healing touch. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love.

**Hear us, O Lord, and help us to heal, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

Strong God of love, in a world torn by violence and threatened by revenge and hatred, you call us to be a people of love. Give us strength to love even when love is most difficult. Save us from the desire for vengeance, and from the temptation to rejoice in wrongdoing. So fill us with the love of Christ that we might seek the good for all people. Do not let us be overcome by evil, but help us overcome evil with good.

**Hear us, O Lord, and show us how to love, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

God of truth and light, in a world of darkness you call us to bear witness to your light. Guide us by your Spirit, that we might reflect the glory of your Son in his courage in speaking the truth, in his compassion for others, in his willingness to bear suffering, and in his refusal to return evil for evil.

**Hear us, O Lord, and guide our witness, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

Almighty and ever-faithful God, in a world of despair you call us to be a people of hope. When we are cast down or dismayed, keep your Spirit alive in us. Grant us faith to look forward with confidence to that day when the whole world will be drawn into willing obedience to your reign and people will come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at one table in your kingdom.

**Hear us, O Lord, and fill us with hope, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

You, O Lord, are our refuge and strength, our help in time of trouble. Forgive us, your Church, for the times we have failed in our actions or our inactions, in our words or our silence.

*I invite you to add names for remembrance, spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.*

Help us to hold our hearts and show in our lives what we proclaim with our lips:

**Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.**

*(The people are invited to stand, as able)*

Celebrant: Let every heart be filled with a bright reflection of everlasting love, gratefulness, and belonging. Let every heart that offers this prayer, or holds thoughts of hope and love toward all, be filled today with peace and abundance.

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.***

#### **\* The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

- Music practice—Wednesdays at 6 pm
- Third Thursday—February 19 at 6 pm
- Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday; service at 6 pm

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory

*"Lift High the Cross"*

Hymnal #473

## \* The Presentation

*"Doxology"*

Hymnal #380 v3



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## \* The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Hymnal #S-120

**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: 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 of 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**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"*

Hymnal #S-130

The musical notation consists of seven staves of music in common time (indicated by '3') and a key signature of one flat (indicated by a 'B' with a flat sign). The music is set for a single voice. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full, full  
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est 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.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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, according to his command, O Father.

**All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Michael, the Archangel, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

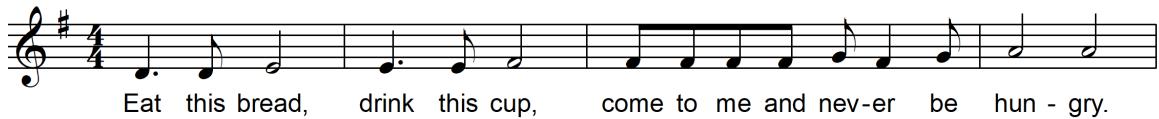
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### \* **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ 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**



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hun - gry.



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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



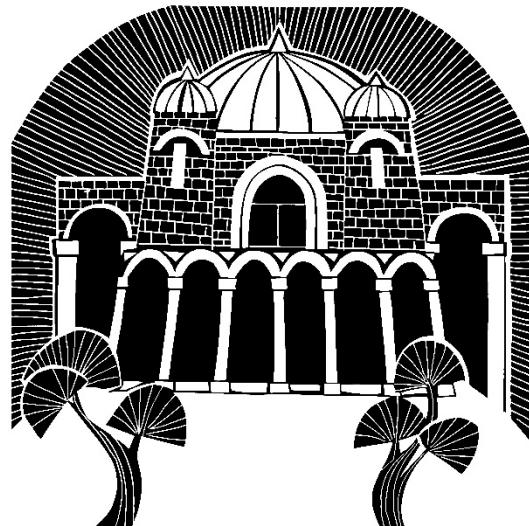
**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

**Communion Music**      *“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”*      Hymnal #593

**\* Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing**

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.



\* Closing Hymn

*"The Summons"*

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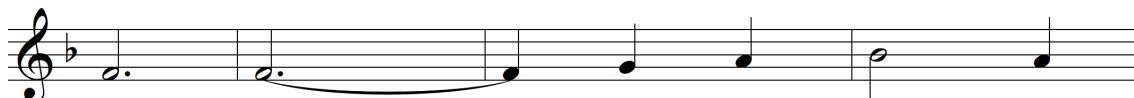
1. Will you come and follow me if  
2. Will you leave your - self be hind if  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if  
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



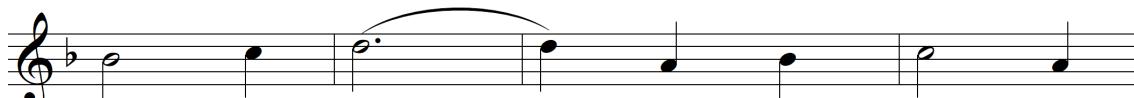
I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you go where  
I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you care for  
I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you set the  
I but call your name? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you quell the  
you but call my name. \_\_\_\_\_ Let me turn and



you don't know and never be  
cruel and kind and never be  
pris 'ner free and never be  
fear in side and never be  
fol low you and never be



the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you let my  
the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you risk the  
the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you kiss the  
the same? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you use the  
the same. \_\_\_\_\_ In your com pa -



love be shown, will you let my  
hos - tile stare should your life at -  
lep - er clean and do such as  
faith you've found to re shape the  
ny I'll go where your love and

## \* Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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