

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year A
Holy Eucharist Rite II with
Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
Sunday, February 8, 2026
10:30 in the morning

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Voluntary in G*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Praise to the living God!*

Hymn 372

Tune: *Leoni*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

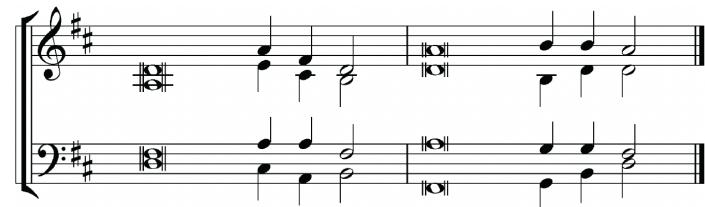
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



PSALM TONE *Tone: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET*



PSALM II2

1 Hallelujah! ... Happy are they who [fear] the Lord* and have great delight in [his] commandments!

2 **Their descendants will be mighty [in] the land;***
the generation of the upright [will] be blest.

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

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

Antiphon

5 It is good for them to be [generous] in lending* and to manage their af-[fairs] with justice.

6 **For they will [never] be shaken;***
the righteous will be kept in ever-[lasting] remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any [e]-vil rumors;* their heart is right; ... they put their [trust in] the Lord.

8 **Their heart is established and [will] not shrink,***
until they see their desire up-[on] their enemies.

Antiphon

9 They have given freely [to] the poor,* and their righteousness stands fast forever; ...

they will hold up their [head] with honor.

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

Antiphon

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 2:1-16

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

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. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *God of grace and God of glory*

Hymn 594

Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children ages four through seven are invited to attend Wiggle Worship. Children who would like to participate should follow the Children's cross to the Children's worship space. They will return to the Nave before Confirmation.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend J. Scott Mayer, *Bishop of Northwest Texas*

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Confirmation:

Shepherd Gensic, Lucy Hardaway, Bristol Musick, Max Stearns,
Joe Cook, Sara Cook, Kalyn Gensic, Adrianna Golden-Smith, Emmeryn Golden-Smith,
Nick Kloster, Cody Lucas, Collin McClellan, Kate Menaul, Cheri Mixon, Anna Reyes-Clute,
Mandy Richmond, Jesenia Soliz, Mike Wiggins, Craig Young, Jenny Young, Reed Young

Reception:

Krysten Ughanze, Odira Ughanze, Caitlyn Young

Reaffirmation:

Mitch Krane, Jerry Gulley, David Lynch

Bishop

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters

I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

I present *these persons* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Candidates are presented.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

All stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayer?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N., with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

RECEPTION

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION

N. may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand for

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

There are several ways to make a financial gift to Heavenly Rest: you may place cash or a check in the alms basin as it goes by; use the “Give” tab on your profile in the ChurchCenter App (also known as the Directory App); or visit our website by using the QR code below. This morning’s offering is designated for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

Scan for online giving.
Thank you for your generosity!



Those who are celebrating anniversaries in the month of February are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O For A Closer Walk with God*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav’ly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *O for a closer walk with God*

Hymn 684

Tune: *Caithness*

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

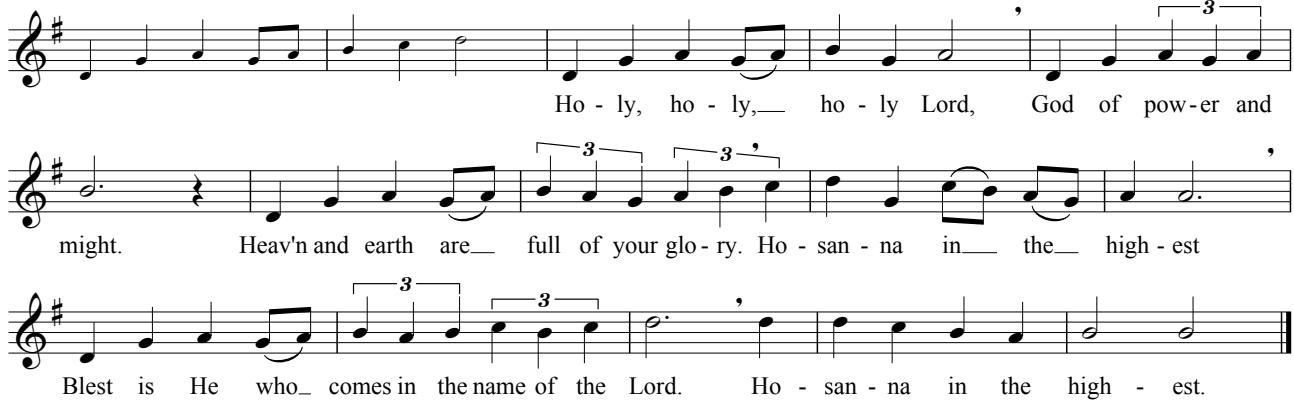
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said

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:

THE SANCTUS

Calvary Service



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel as they are able

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 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.**

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

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Calvary Service

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us. There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Celebrant proceeds

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service.

Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

My God, thy table now is spread

Hymn 321

Tune: *Rockingham*

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymn 490

Tune: *Houston*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.

The Bishop blesses the People

All stand and sing

HYMN IN PROCESSION *Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove*

Hymn 512

Tune: Mendon

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on Komm, Heiliger Geist (Come Holy Ghost), BWV 651* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The parish would like to extend a heart-felt congratulations to all who have renewed their commitment to Christ this Sunday.

All are invited to Gerhart Hall directly following the service for a reception.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher - The Right Reverend J. Scott Mayer, Bishop of Northwest Texas

Bishop's Chaplain - The Rev. Amanda Watson, Assistant Rector for Community Life

Presenters - The Rev. Ashley Powers, Associate Rector, EST Mentors, Youth Confirmation Mentors

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Verger - Luke Teten

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