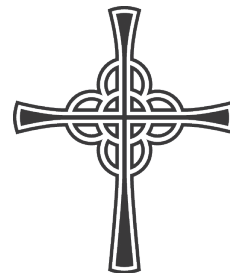


The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

9:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ The Transfiguration Dom Paul Benoit

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #137 ~ O wondrous type! O vision fair..... Wareham

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King,
al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a little slower
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:



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 99 *Dominus regnavit*

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| 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake. | 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. |
| 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples. | 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies
and the decree that he gave them. |
| 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One. | 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds. |
| 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." | 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. |
| 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One. | |

Setting: Thomas Norris

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. This is my Son, my Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 17:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

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THE CONFESSIONS OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation;
The Day-Star clear and bright of every man and nation.
New life, new hope awakes where-e'er men own his sway;
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting.
When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear;
To plough-share beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee.
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come Prince of Peace and reign.

Music: Walter Kendall Stanton (1891-1978)

Text: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #129 ~ Christ upon the mountain peak..... Mowsley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

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SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

(Standing or Kneeling)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(said by all)*

We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

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THE GREAT AMEN

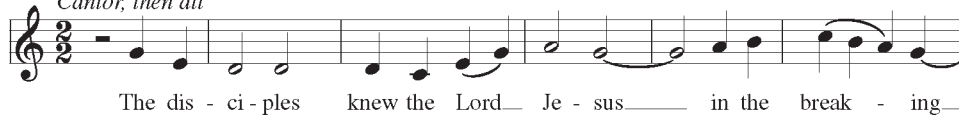
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon
Cantor, then all



1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -



THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

Please join in singing

HYMN #133 ~ O Light of Light, Love given birth *Elmhurst*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #618 ~ Ye watchers and ye holy ones *Lasst uns erfreuen*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Grand March *from Aida* Giuseppe Verdi

The Mardi Gras beads are given by Mark Andrews.

In an effort to clear the building prior to parades, no coffee hour will be offered today.

Please enjoy the Mardi Gras celebrations safely.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates

- Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday - Services at the Cathedral at 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM
- Saturday, February 21 - Twilight Gathering
- Thursday, March 12 - Grinnell College Choir in Concert - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, March 15 - Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Officers
- Sunday, April 9 - Easter Day

Donors needed for Altar Flowers in the Cathedral on Sunday mornings - Please contact Sandy Jackson - (504) 717-3185.

Nurturing Community: Twilight Gatherings

During Advent this Twilight group (open to anyone 60 and over) met to share a pot-luck dinner, be in conversation about Christmas, our memories and what we've treasured from 'traditions' in our lives AND to have a bit of fun.

There were lots of lively discussions and laughter at the tables and then came the fun – a group challenge for the tables.

The challenge? Here are the two: Write a carol about the cathedral to the tune of 'Away in the Manger' or 'Joy to the World'. We really tried – but a) many of us couldn't remember words to Joy to the world or b) the tune – and the same problem popped up at another table. We finally 'sang' what we had created but the singing was difficult because we were laughing so much.

What a wonderful experience. We began as usual with a prayer – we blessed our food and ourselves – we literally broke bread together – we talked – we laughed – and we ended with prayers and a hymn. Now when we see each other at coffee time on Sunday – we have a common experience to share – and we have learned more about each other.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, February 21 at 2 pm. We will be watching a movie – The Penguin Lessons. Refreshments will be – what else – popcorn and sodas.

The movie is based on the memoirs of Tom Michell and his experience as a British teacher when he went to South America to teach at a boys' boarding school in Argentina in the 1970s. On a side trip to Uruguay, he visited a beach where he stumbled on dead penguins soaked with oil. He rescued one that was still alive, cleaned and fed it. After that, the penguin, named Juan Salvador, would not leave him and kept following him; eventually he took it back to the school, where it became a popular pet, teaching the students how to care for each other. The story/movie uses the penguin as a metaphor and tackles serious themes like loss, political fear, and empathy.

We'll have time for discussion following the movie. And again, this is open to anyone age 60 or older.



The
Penguin
Lessons

The Choir of Grinnell College sings
the New Orleans premiere performance of



Under the direction of John Rommereim

Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 PM

Considering Matthew Shepard is a Grammy-nominated three-part oratorio composed by Craig Hella Johnson. The work is an evocative and compassionate musical response to the murder of Matthew Shepard. On October 6, 1998, University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, beaten, and left to die, in what became an infamous act of brutality, and one of America's most notorious anti-gay hate crimes. Shepard's murder ultimately led to the creation of the Matthew Shepard Foundation and provided a catalyst for legislation that expanded the definition of a hate crime to include sexual orientation. In 2009, Congress passed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Composer Craig Hella Johnson had a profoundly personal reaction to both the murder and its resonance. The Shepard family and Foundation engaged with Johnson in the creation of the work, and allowed the use of fragments from Shepard's personal diary.

Welcome! *If you are visiting and seeking a connection with us* we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) or point your cell phone at this QR code. *Thank you for worshipping with us.*



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THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
Parades on St. Charles Avenue

MONDAY

Lundi Gras - Office Closed

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

Mardi Gras - Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday

7:30 AM The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

4:30 PM Education for Ministry (Dean's Parlor)

6:00 PM The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

2:00 PM Twilight Gathering (Stuart Hall)

SUNDAY

The First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour

11:15 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)

6:00 PM Real Presence

Watch the Sunday 10:00 Eucharist webcast



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