

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 1 February 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.  
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Tower Bells

**Voluntary** ..... **La Septuagésime**  
Charles Tournemire

### Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *(Stand)*..... Hymn 574

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in  
heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of  
your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the Book of Micah

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the  
mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you

mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring  
foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with  
his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I  
wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of  
Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent  
before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab  
devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what  
happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving  
acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself  
before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-  
offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with  
thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall  
I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body  
for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to  
love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *[Micah 6:1-8]*

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

### Psalm 15

*Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by David Hurd*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and  
does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

### A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are  
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the  
discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is  
the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom  
of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not  
know God through wisdom, God decided, through the  
foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For  
Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim  
Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to  
Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's  
foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness  
is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you  
were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not  
many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the  
world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world  
to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the  
world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,  
so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the  
source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom  
from God, and righteousness and sanctification and  
redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who  
boasts, boast in the Lord.” *[1 Corinthians 1:18-31]*

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

### Blessed Jesus, at thy word *(Stand)* .....Hymn 440

### The Gospel

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and  
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to  
speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called  
children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’  
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in

the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” [Matthew 5:1-12]

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Chapel (9:00 am service only)

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader For your blessing and guidance,  
People we give you thanks.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace (Stand) ..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory ..... *We shall walk through the valley*  
Spiritual, arr. Joseph Jennings

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)

To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

Eucharistic Prayer B .....BCP 367

The Sanctus ..... Hymn S 128

The Lord’s Prayer ..... BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem ..... Hymn S 155

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John’s. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip the Wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the Bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the Bread or Wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Anthem .....*Blessed are the pure in heart*  
H. Walford Davies

Communion Hymns..... 315, 309, 605

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Rejoice, ye pure in heart (Stand) .....Hymn 556

The Dismissal ..... BCP 366

Voluntary.....*Allegretto (Sonata No. 4 in F)*  
C. P. E. Bach

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the life and love of Edward Babcock given by his wife, Barbara Sepielli; and by Sallie Harrington in loving memory of her beautiful daughter, JoBeth Abberton.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
service is livestreamed  
11:15 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline .....Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel  
with Healing Prayer  
5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel  
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

**Prayers:** Mtr. Leslie Roraback, Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Sharon & Nathanael Lyle, Tina, Ray, Corinna Strayer, Mert Dollar, Kayla Mills & family, Tess Leuzzi, Jonathan, Noah Roberts, Nancy Asker, Linda, Sharon, Stephen, Allison, Elizabeth, Mary Kaye, Nora, Jeannie

**The Departed:** Bishop Frank Cervený

**Our Clergy:** The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian