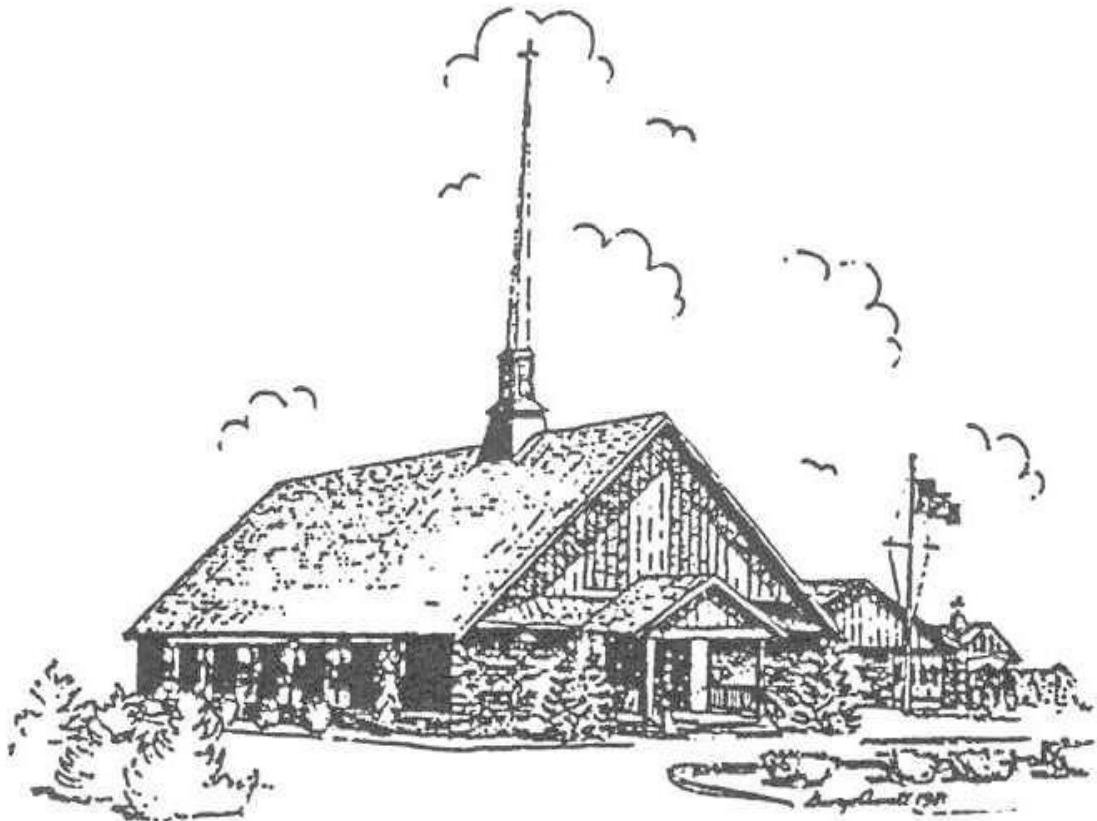


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Last Sunday after The Epiphany



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
15 February, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM*

Welcome! Our service materials are in the Book of Common Prayer or BCP (Red Book); the 1982 Hymnal (Blue Book); and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (hymnal with the red spine.) You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

(All stand)

Entrance Hymn LEVAS #75 *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

William B. Cooper

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father Son and Holy Spirit

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

The Collect for Purity

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. All *Amen*.

Song of Praise LEVAS #245 *(all sing) We Have Come Into His House* Bruce Ballinger

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 217

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. All *Amen*.

(All are seated)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

BCP, p. 728

1 The LORD is King;

 let the people tremble; *

 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

 let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *

 he is high above all peoples.

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

 he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,

 you have established equity; *

 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

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.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

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.

The Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #178 (*All stand*) *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

ALLELUIA no.1

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Erin Morey

The Nicene Creed

(*Please stand*)

BCP, p. 358

**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.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI (*Please remain standing*)

BCP, p. 392

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers to God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For Colleen our Mayor, Mikie our Governor, and Donald our President;
for this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Hong Kong Anglican Church. We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Erin, our Rector and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and all the Saints.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.)*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Confession (*Please remain standing. You may also kneel*)

BCP p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & 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.*

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

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 (*All stand*)

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

A Peaceful Alleluia

Jean Anne Shafferman

Presentation of the Gifts (*All stand*)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

(Please remain standing. You may also kneel)

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.**

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 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 LEVAS #255 (all sing) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Grayson Warren Brown

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 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. *All: AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. The congregation observes a time of silence.

Fraction Anthem: S-154 (all sing) Christ Our Passover **David Hurd**

You are invited to stand or kneel at the front rail to receive communion. You may receive the bread, the wine, or both. If you need a gluten free wafer please let the celebrant know.

Music During Communion

Hymn #711

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

BCP, p. 365

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn #460

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

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

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

Postlude

Voluntary

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ Rob Meyer **Lector** ~ Gail Jacobsen

Ushers ~ Vince Contreras, Kay DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Vince Contreras

Parish Prayer List – February 15, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, February 18th.

Lara Sparks Deitz

Mary Ann Crewdson

Dennis

Christian Balint

Warren Lamon

Ann White

Pierro Family

Lovas Family

Debbie & Joe Reising

Connie	Joe	Peg Appleget
Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann	Meg Neff
Tino	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich Cashel
Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter	Ellis Barbieri
Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood	Diane
Ray M.	Gia	Jeannine
Phil	Frank	Fran Iozzi
Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Bill Bentley	Dr. John
Scott	Nellie Riley	Mike Phillips
Adam Baulderstone	Chris Mercer	Katie Gillis
Frank, III	Will Locovare	Ollie
Ben Giannico	Bill O'Connell	Glenn Servetah
Mary K.	Devin Hone	Barbara
Rick Rosenbaum	Kay DiCicco	Joe Verrone
Rose Federici	Anna & Matteo Mannino	Scotty Camarote
Don Deitz	Priscilla Ruoff Harvey	Gail South
Erma Green	Keith Aclin	Matthew Albanese
Justin, Olivia & Annie	Bob Morris	
Family & Friends of Barbara Wheeler		
Family & Friends of Larry Pritchard		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Birthdays: Joan Melega (02/10), Anita Miller (02/11), Noah Dondero (02/12)
David Hunter (02/13)

This morning we sing Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring by black composer and Philadelphia native William B. Cooper (1920-1993)

He received his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts and a Doctorate of Music from Columbia Pacific University (California). In 1988, he was

awarded a Doctorate of Sacred Music (*honoris causa*) from Christ Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York. Cooper pursued additional music studies at the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary (New York), the Manhattan School of Music, and Trinity College of Music (London). He served on the music faculties of Bennett College (Greensboro, NC) and Hampton University (Hampton, VA) as well as 26 years in the New York City School System. Cooper also served as Minister of Music at historic Saint Philip's Episcopal Church (1953-74) and Saint Martin's Episcopal Church (1974-88) in Harlem. His musical output consists of works for organ, voice, chorus, orchestra, and ballet. Composed in 1973, *Pastorale* is one of three Cooper organ works by this title. It is a set of variations based on a melody from William Walker's 19th century compilation, *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*. Source: *Pipedreams*

Also for this month we will use *A Song of Praise* (in place of *Gloria*) & *Sanctus* from *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, an Africa American Hymnal.

WEEKLY CALENDAR February 16 - 20

16 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed-Presidents Day</i>	
	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	*Chair Yoga in MH	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
17 – Tues	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
18 – Wed	Tai Chi Class in Martin Hall	9:30AM – 10:30 PM
	Ash Wednesday Service	12:00 PM
19 – Thurs	Book Club/Bible Study in MH	1:30 PM
	"Clam-Diggers" AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
20 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Stations of the Cross (In-Person & FB)	5:00 PM

***FYI - For the remainder of winter Chair Yoga will take place from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.**

SHROVE TUESDAY ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
Pearl Street Entrance ~ Beach Haven

Tuesday, February 17th

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Pancakes & Sausage



~Free will offering~

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