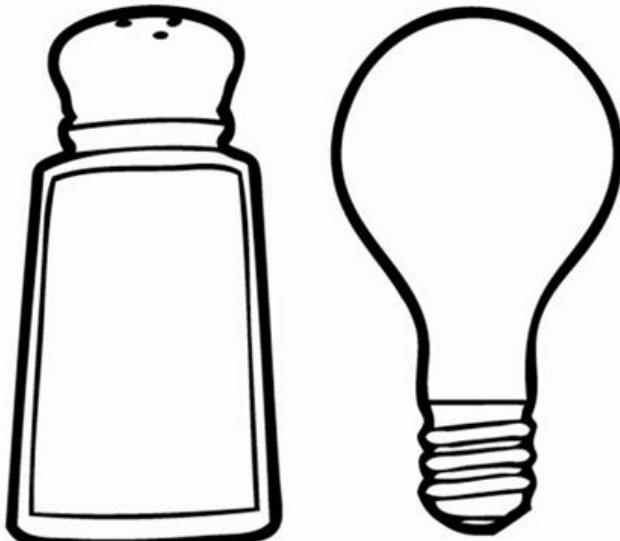


**Be these.**



**The Fifth Sunday  
after the Epiphany**

**9:15 a.m.**

**February 8, 2026**

**Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA**

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

## Holy Eucharist

### Liturgy of the Word

#### Processional

Hymnal 7

*"Christ, whose glory fills the skies..."*

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,

Till thy mercy's beams I see.  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display;  
Shining to the perfect day.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*The Celebrant and People say*

**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 following is sung, all standing*

#### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest  
And peace to his people on earth  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
  
You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy upon us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Receive our prayer.  
  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the most high  
Jesus Christ  
  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

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### Collect of the Day

*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 Reading

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

A reading from the Book of 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 112:1-10   Beatus vir**

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 blessed.

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

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

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

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

7 They will not be afraid of any evil 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 upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
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.

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

A reading from the First Letter of Paul 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

*"Let us raise an alleluia!..."*

Let us raise an alleluia!

Let us lift our voices high!

Praising God for our great blessings  
From the One who gave us life.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord of Light!

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## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 5:13-20**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

*After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:*

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

## The Homily

**The Rev. John Heidel, Rector**

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**

**Form IV**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for: (*read prayer list*)

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to Your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that You are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession**

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and 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.***

*The Priest, stands and says:*

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.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings:** *Emily Potts (2/9), Rebekah Heidel (2/10), Molly Behrens (2/12)*

## **The Holy Communion**

*Offertory Sentence:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Offertory Hymn**

*"Steal away to Jesus..."*

*Refrain:*

Steal away, steal away;  
Steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home.  
I ain't got long to stay here.

1. My Lord, he calls me,  
He calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds  
Within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. *[Refrain]*

2. Green trees a-bending,  
Poor sinners stand a-trembling;  
The trumpet sounds  
Within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. *[Refrain]*

3. My Lord, he calls me,  
He calls me by the lightening;  
The trumpet sounds  
Within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. *[Refrain]*

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*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Doxology

**Hymnal 380 v.3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; praise  
him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 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; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 Hymn

*Celebrant and People*



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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

## Hymnal S-130

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

### **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S-154**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town, "shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious background, age race, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion.*

### **Organ Voluntary**

## Communion Hymn

*"Community of Christ"*

1. Community of Christ,  
Who make the cross your own,  
Live out your creed and risk  
Your life for God alone:  
The God who wears your face,  
To whom all worlds belong,  
Whose children are of  
ev'ry race and ev'ry song.

2. Community of Christ,  
Look past the Church's door  
And see the refugee,  
The hungry, and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
The jobless in your street,  
Take towel and water  
That you wash your neighbor's feet.

3. Community of Christ,  
Through whom the word must sound—  
Cry out for justice and for peace  
The whole world round:  
Disarm the powers of war  
And all that can destroy,  
Turn bombs to bread and  
Tears of anguish into joy.

4. When menace melts away,  
So shall God's will be done,  
The climate of the world be peace  
And Christ its Sun;  
Our currency be love  
And kindness our law,  
Our food and faith be  
Shared as one forever more.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## Priest's Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the

Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

### Recessional

**Hymnal 381**

*"Thy strong word did cleave the darkness..."*

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At thy speaking it was done;  
For created light we thank thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,

Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;

Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

4. God the Father, Light Creator,  
To thee laud and honor be;  
To thee Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer,  
Glory, glory be to thee;  
Mortals, angels, now and ever,  
Praise the Holy Trinity.

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. [Alleluia, Alleluia.]

*People:* **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia.]**

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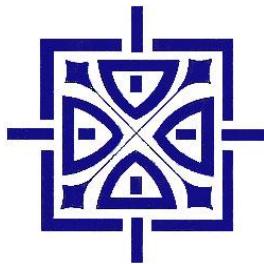
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