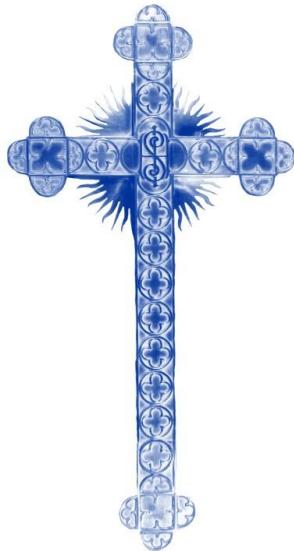


# **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

February 1, 2026 ✤ 10:30 am





## The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 398**

I sing the almighty power of God

*Forest Green*

Opening Acclamation

S-280\*

Glory to God

BCP, p. 355

Rober Powell

The Collect of the Day

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.**

**The First Lesson**

Micah 6:1-8

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?

## The Psalm

## Psalm 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

### S 410

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 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.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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.”

**Hymn # 605 (vv.1-3)**

What does the Lord require

*Sharphorne*

**The Gospel**

Matthew 5:1-12

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.”

<b>Hymn # 605 (v.4)</b>	What does the Lord require	<i>Sharpthorne</i>
The Sermon		The Rev. Webster Gibson
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## The Holy Communion

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The Communion of the People		

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*To receive the wine:*

- To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.
- To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

During Communion

**Hymn # 593**

Lord, make us servants of your peace

*Dickinson College*

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

**Hymn # 556**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

*Marion*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

\* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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*Prayers of the People* – Sarah Celec

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* – John Applin, Mary Margaret Applin

*Ushers* – Pat Shaner, Dan Shaner, Jim Griffin, Wilborn Roberson, Doug Thomas

*Acolytes* – Lelia Wingenbach, Gregory Elwood

*Altar Guild* – Jody Wall, Martha Roberson

*Livestreaming Team* – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall, Jimmy Downs

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