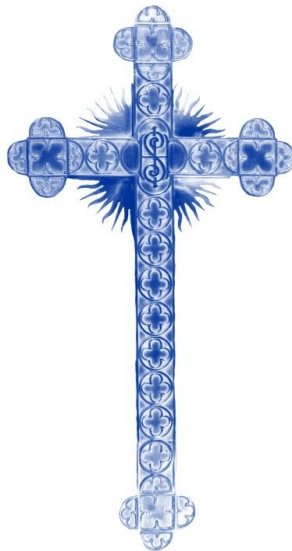


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

January 25, 2026 ✠ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 537

Christ for the world we sing!

Moscow

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280*

Glory to God

Rober Powell

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 5-13
Dominus illuminatio

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I **fear**? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be **afraid**?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I **seek**; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my **life**;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the **Lord** *
and to seek him in his **temple**.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his **shelter**; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a **rock**.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my **head** *
above my enemies round **about me**.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great **gladness**; *
I will sing and make music to the **Lord**.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I **call**; *
have mercy on me and **answer me**.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my **face**." *
Your face, Lord, will I **seek**.
- 12 Hide not your face from **me**, *
nor turn away your servant in **displeasure**.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not **away**; *
do not forsake me, O God of my **salvation**.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For 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.

Hymn # 126 (vv.1-4) The people who in darkness walked

Dundee

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Hymn # 126 (v.5)	The people who in darkness walked	<i>Dundee</i>
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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 # 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Hymn # 539

O Zion, haste

Tidings

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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