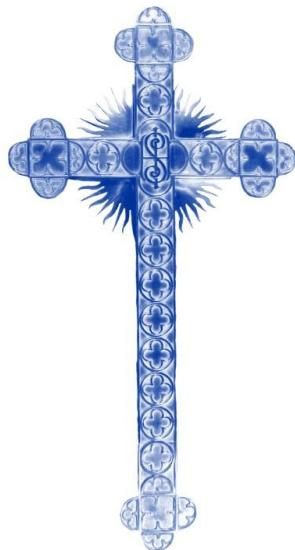


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

February 8, 2026 ✤ 10:30 am





## The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 427**

When morning gilds the skies

*Laudes Domini*

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280\*

Glory to God

Rober Powell

The Collect of the Day

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.**

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

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.

## The Psalm

## Psalm 112:1-9

*Beatus vir*

### S 410

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)

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- 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**.

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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.

**Hymn # 419 (vv.1-3)**

Lord of all being, throned afar

*Mendon*

**The Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

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.”

**Hymn # 419 (v.4)**

Lord of all being, throned afar

*Mendon*

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

The Nicene Creed

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## **The Holy Communion**

The Offertory

**Choir Anthem**

Almighty and Everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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*Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

David Hurd

The Invitation

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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 # 488**

Be thou my vision

*Slane*

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

**Hymn # 381**

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

*Ton-y-Botel*

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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**Lay Readers** – Bob Fitz, Dan Gloster

**Prayers of the People** – Marty Tabaka

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers** – Katy Schain, Jane Fitz

**Ushers** – Chris Francis, Ron Bellows, Philip Adams, Stacy Talbott, Doug Thomas

**Acolytes** – Madison Truong, Maria Nelson

**Altar Guild** – Ann Elwood, Jody Wall

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

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**Garth Stevens-Jennings, Family Ministries (Ext. 2)**

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