

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you*

People: *And also with you*

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.*

## Reader: A Reading from the Book of 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.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord* All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27:1, 5-13 sung by choir.

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?

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;  
To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

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.

Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

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

## Reader: A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the 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.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord* All: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*

Hymnal 550

## The Gospel : Matthew 4:12-23

Reader: *The Holy Gospel....*

All: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ**

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.

Reader: *The Gospel of the Lord.* All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Matthew Ainsley

### The Nicene Creed Standing, said by all

BCP 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

Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Jake, our Bishop, for Matt and Jake, our priests and for Honey, our Deacon, and for all the clergy;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory

*How Good is Our God*

Bullard

### The Presentation of the Doxology

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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Sursum Corda

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*Proper preface is said*

### The Sanctus Sung by all

Hymnal S-129

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

### Eucharistic Prayer A with people kneeling

BCP 363

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith;

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

*The Celebrant Continues*

BCP 363

### The Lord's Prayer Said by all

BCP 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.*

## AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

S-164

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymns** *Take my life, and let it be  
O Master let me walk with thee*

Hymnal 707  
Hymnal 660

BCP 366

### Postcommunion Prayer Said by all

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

## Final Blessing

**Closing Hymn** *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*

Hymnal 381

**Dismissal** *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## Postlude

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Alyssa Willson, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Albert Davis, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Randy Morgan, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, the Family of Quinten, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Catherine McGowen, Dorothy Goings, Amber, Pauline, Sandie Jordan, Donald Leger, Jr., Sasha, Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Tom & Jillian, Mark & Frevet, Stephanie, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Tom Bryant, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Ashton, Lauren Immel Meyers, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Hardtner Camp and Conference Center, Episcopal Scholl of Acadiana, all Parish Day Schools, St. Paul's Catholic Church, and The Anglican Church of Chilie. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
John Keller, Sr., Gladys Voss, & W.S. Williams,  
son, mother & Father of Becky Slagle*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vestry is looking for members!** Please prayerfully consider serving the church you love in this way. If you have any interest, please contact the church office and a Vestry member will be happy to reach out to you to discuss further.

**Ascension Youth Group, and Children's Church:** Children's Church is each Sunday during the 11am service. Engaging Liturgy of the Word lessons, songs and activities, and a joyful time of learning Episcopal traditions made just for kids.

**Ascension Kids:** *Pie, Love, & King Cake.* This Sunday, January 25 from 2-3:30 pm, hosted at the Adams' residence. Join us for a joyful Mardi Gras, cast our votes for the best cake, decorate masks to wear to the parades, and give thanks for God's goodness.

**Tuesday Bible Study:** Continues each Tuesday evening from 6-7pm in the Owen Room. We will begin study of 1 Kings. Teachers: Doug Driggers, Laurie Godshall, Elizabeth Hesterly, Sarah McNamara. Please bring your Bible and invite a friend. Please join us!

**Adult Bible Study:** Meets each Sunday at 10 am in the Owen Room and continues to study the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome. Teachers: Laurie Godshall, Doug Goings, John Griffin, Elizabeth Hesterly. All are welcome.

**Lectors:** Myra Tener  
**Acolytes:** Andre Goudeau, Henri Goudeau, Martha Odom, Margaret Odom  
**Ushers:** Jeff Straub and Robert Sawvel  
**Greeter:** Jerie Olivier  
**Music:** Stacy Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist and Choir  
**Church Office Hours:** Monday –Thursday – 8:30am –2:30pm



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*The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.*

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*The Reverend Matthew Ainsley*

### Chaplain and Associate for Youth

*The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg*

### Deacon

*The Reverend Honey Becker*

## Welcome

We welcome all those who have come to worship with us today, and please come back often. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in our worshiping and celebration of God's love. Please fill out a "Communication Card" in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so that we can extend our hospitality to you beyond our doors.

*The nursery is available for infants and toddlers.  
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026  
11:00 AM

### Prelude

**Processional Hymn** *Christ for the world we sing!* Hymnal 537

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

**The Gloria** *Glory to God*  
*The "S" indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal*

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 on 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.*