

The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

January 25, 2026 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Third Sunday After the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Ava James

Director of Music: Ella Rockhold

Lector: Carolynne Cooper

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Terry Kirkland

Processional Hymn (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

“Christ be our light”

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

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.**

Gloria

Haywood

Glo - ry,
Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.
2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.
4. You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 Lessons

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn (vs. 4 & 5) (see page 2) "Christ be our light"

Bernadette Farrell

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:12-23).

People **Glory 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.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Godly Play Story

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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

Please kneel as able.

Intercessor:

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy hear us.

We especially pray for: (The congregation prays the following aloud together.)

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza

The People of Ukraine

Victims of gun violence

Jone Johnson – healing/strength

Vickie Dilley – healing/strength

Wanda Grace Mitchell – healing

Barry Morris – hospitalized, blood clots

Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing

Marcia Doyle – healing

Peggy Roberts - healing

Ann Stevens– healing

Susan Allander - healing

Gene Allander - healing

Amanda Morris – healing

Nicole Combs – healing

Crystal Proper – healing

Mary Gevas – healing

Peter Gevas – healing

Rich Dalzell – healing

Dee Milhoan – healing

Buck Harris – strength/healing

Julie Stover - healing

Tom Fielder – healing

Joseph Fielder – healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Hal Foss

Judy McCoy

Doris Lowe

Everett Gilmore

Julia Lee

Alana Dailey

Gary Greer

Charles Sterchak

John Stevens

Faith Beha

Wendy Meridith

Roger Myers

Lois Switzer

Chris Angotti

Mirtala Smith

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy hear us.

You have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the offering of your Church and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

Celebrant

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. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Celebrant

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Offertory Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Rebecca Belliston

Please stand to sing

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant 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.**

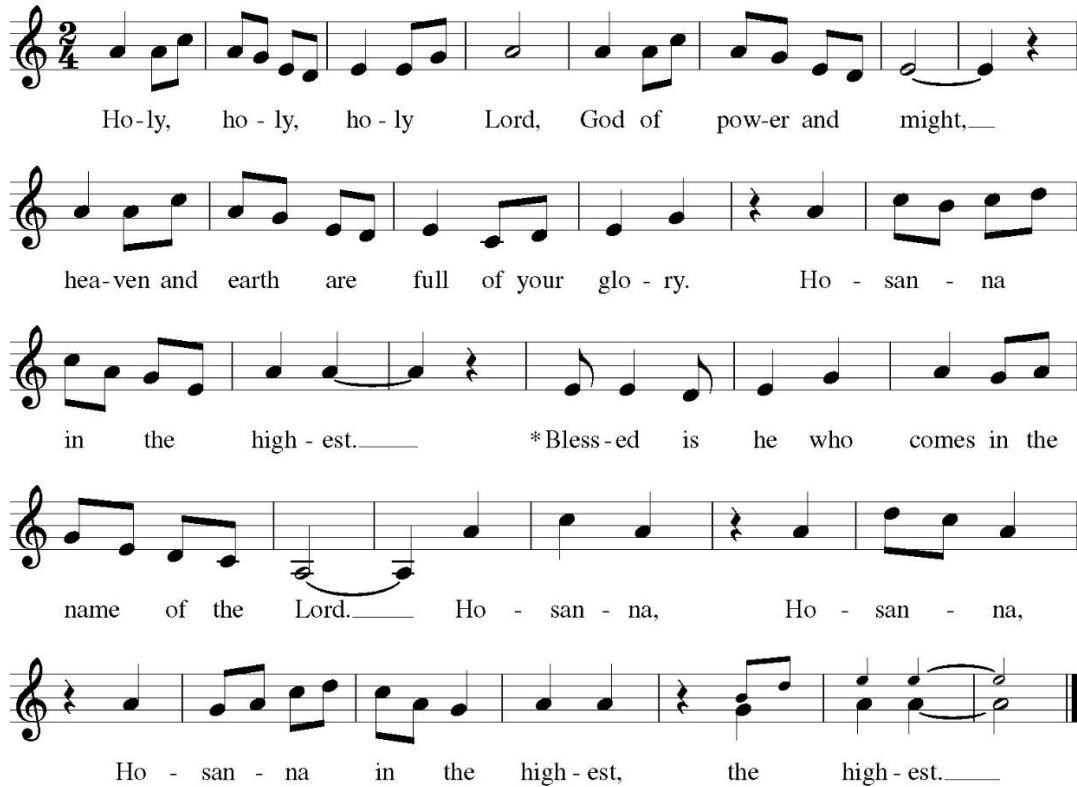
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in 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 (Celebrant and People)

Dimmock



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,___

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est.____ *Bless-ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord.____ Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est.____

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Martin Luthor King, Jr. and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem #S164

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The lyrics are centered under the music, corresponding to the three staves. The lyrics are as follows:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant 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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Mary Ellen Kerrick

Post Communion Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

Arr. Boyer

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
 2. Ev'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it
 Oh_____.
 1. shine, This little light of mine,
 2. shine, Ev'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,
 Oh_____.
 1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This little light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to
 Oh_____.
 1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
 Oh_____.
 1. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 Oh_____

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifested in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Birthdays: Roberta Green

Closing Hymn (vs. 1-4) (next page) “Will you come and follow me” *Kelvingrove*

The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go

Please stay seated

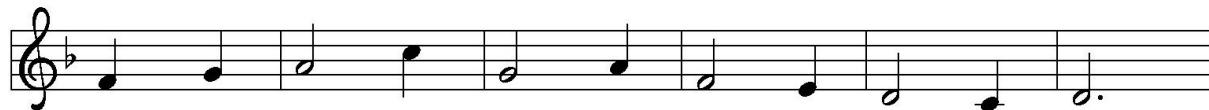
Postlude “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” *Sebastian Temple*

Please remain in church for the Annual Meeting.

Closing Hymn (vs. 1-4)

“Will you come and follow me”

Kelvingrove



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?”
 pray'r in you and you in me?”
 mean in you and you in me?”
 sound in you and you in me?”
 grow in you and you in me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday Supper is TODAY. We begin cooking and set-up at 1PM. Servers need to be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30. If you would like to help, we are happy to have you.

End-of-Year Pledge Statements are available in the narthex. Please pick yours up today to save us postage. Thank you.

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 4:15 PM. We are studying the Lesser Prophets. All are welcome.

Open Altar Flower Dates – We have open flower dates available. These include Feb. 1, & 8. If you would like to give flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special moment or person, please contact Ginger in the parish office. The cost of flowers is \$40 per vase.

Coming Up:

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| Feb. 8 | “Souper” Bowl Sunday |
| | Watch for sale ads and fill some bags with food to donate for the food pantry. Suggestions include bottled or individual juices, canned dinners (ravioli, etc.), pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, cake mix and frosting, brownie mix, crackers, spaghetti sauce and pasta. |
| Feb. 17 | Shrove Tuesday – 5:30PM Pancake Supper |
| Feb. 18 | Ash Wednesday – Noon (spoken service) – 7PM (with choir) |

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