



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

January 18, 2026 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Second Sunday After the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Bob Crocker

Lector: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Linda Crocker

Director of Music: Ella Rockhold

Intercessor: Eva Crocker

The Word of God

Prelude	“Jesus Bread of Life”	Carson Cooman
Processional Hymn #423	“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”	<i>St. Denio</i>

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

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
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.
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
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 the Father.
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen.

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the

shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
 he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
 and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God

always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

“Borning Cry”

Waterlife



1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
 2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 “In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
 I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be-gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
 I’ll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun.”
 I’ll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.”

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:29-42).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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:

Through Christ we are anointed with the Holy Spirit in baptism. May the same Spirit inspire us as we offer our prayers, responding, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

For an overflowing gift of generosity, that we may reflect God’s abundant care for all of creation, lifting others out of systemic poverty, increasing the mission work of our churches, and reaping the joy of a philanthropic life; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For the courage to walk through the tranquil and turbulent waters of life, knowing that in our baptism we died with Christ in darkness and joined him in the risen light; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For Donald Trump, our President, and all who exercise authority in the nations of the world, that they will faithfully establish justice on earth, and carry the torch of freedom and peace into all their deliberations; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

For the Church, that it may bear witness to Jesus' forgiveness and love, offering to those outside its walls the light that illuminates all darkness and releases humanity from the grip of sin; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

That we may know our identity through the voice of God, who claims us as his beloved children, and invites us to share in his earthly mission; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

In thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Christ, a foretaste of that heavenly banquet upon which the faithful departed continually feast; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

In companionship with Mary, Joseph, and all the saints whose constant intercession strengthens our faith, let us continue our prayers for our congregation. (*The congregation prays aloud together.*)

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza

Marcia Doyle – healing

Mary Gevas – healing

The People of Ukraine

Peggy Roberts - healing

Peter Gevas – healing

Victims of gun violence

Ann Stevens – healing

Rich Dalzell – healing

Jone Johnson – healing/strength

Susan Allander - healing

Dee Milhoan – healing

Vickie Dilley – healing/strength

Gene Allander - healing

Buck Harris – strength/healing

Wanda Grace Mitchell – healing

Amanda Morris – healing

Julie Stover - healing

Nicole Combs – healing

Tom Fielder – healing

Joseph Fielder – healing

Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing

Crystal Proper – healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Hal Foss

Julia Lee

John Stevens

Lois Switzer

Judy McCoy

Alana Dailey

Faith Beha

Chris Angotti

Doris Lowe

Gary Greer

Wendy Meridith

Mirtala Smith

Everett Gilmore

Charles Sterchak

Roger Myers

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **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

Jesus said, ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

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 #130 (Celebrant and People)

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

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 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.

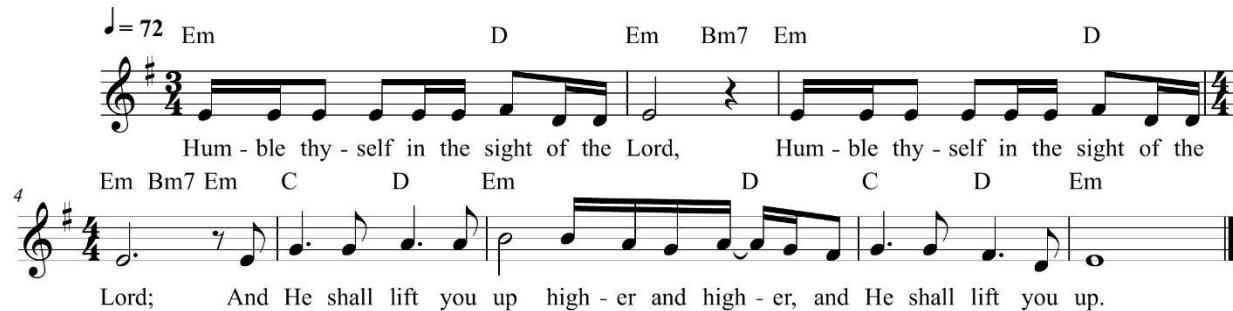
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Matthew Merker

Post Communion Hymn (*sung 3 times*) “Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord” Hudson



$\text{♩} = 72$ Em D Em Bm7 Em D
Hum - ble thy - self in the sight of the Lord, Hum - ble thy - self in the sight of the
Em Bm7 Em C D Em D C D Em
Lord; And He shall lift you up high - er and high - er, and He shall lift you up.

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: Ann Biddle, June Hill

Anniversary: Judy & Warren Peascoe

Closing Hymn (see next page)(vs. 1, 2 & 3) “Hail thou once despised Jesus”

Hyfrydol

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

Cindy Berry

MAY BE SUNG IN UNISON

1. Hail, Thou once de-spis-ed Je-sus! Crowned in mock-er-y a King! Thou didst suf-fer to re-lease us; Thou didst
2. Pas-chal Lamb, by God ap-point-ed, All our sins on Thee were laid; By al-might-y love a-noint-ed, Thou hast
3. Je-sus, hail! en-throned in glo-ry, There for-ev-er to a-bide; All the heaven-ly hosts a-dore Thee, Seat-ed
4. Wor-ship, hon-or, power, and bless-ing, Thou art wor-thy to re-cieve; Loud-est prais-es, with-out ceas-ing, Meet it
free sal-va-tion bring. Hail, Thou ag-o-niz-ing Sav-iour, full a-tone-ment made. All Thy peo-ple are for-giv-en, at Thy Fa-ther's side; There for sin-ners Thou art plead-ing; is for us to give. Help, ye bright an-gel-ic spir-its; Bear-er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer-its we find Through the vir-tue of Thy blood; O-pened is the gate of There Thou dost our place pre-pare; Ev-er for us in-ter- Bring your sweet-est, no-blest lays; Help to sing our Sav-iour's fa-vor; Life is giv-en through Thy name. heav-en, Peace is made 'twixt man and God. ced-ing, Till in glo-ry we ap-pear. mer-its; Help to chant Im-man-u-el's praise. A-MEN.

Alternate tune: "Autumn," No. 60.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Jan. 25 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:

Jan. 25 **Annual Meeting**
“State of the Church”
2026 Budget
Election of new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention Delegates

Jan. 25 **Last Sunday Supper** – 5:30PM (set-up and cooking begins at 1PM)

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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