

# **Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit**

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**February 1, 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**9:30 am**

**Rite II**

## **WELCOME EVERYONE**

If you are a guest today or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless

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## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Opening Hymn**

*God the Omnipotent!*

**Hymnal 569**

Welcome

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

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

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

*Celebrant and People*

Glory be to God on highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you

We worship you, we give thanks to you, 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 that 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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### Old Testament – Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

## The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
    and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**

*Tis the Gift to be Simple*

**Hymnal 554**

## The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message**

*“Rejoice and Be Glad - The Beatitudes”*

**Mother Margaret**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant:* Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of 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 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 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.**

### **Prayers of the People (Form I)**

*Please kneel or be seated]*

With all our heart and with all our mind; let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”  
For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; for Mtr Margaret our rector and her husband Jim; Ted and Terri, our deacons, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
for the welfare of the holy Church of God, remembering today in the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_  
in the DR for \_\_\_\_\_; In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and for the unity of all peoples, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, Donald Trump our Governor, Jim Pillen; for the elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live; and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those we know who are deployed: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others;

**Lord, have mercy**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air especially: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially \_\_\_\_\_ are there others; for those with special concerns; especially: \_\_\_\_\_, are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For your continued blessings on those celebrating birthdays this week; especially: \_\_\_\_\_, are there others; and those celebrating anniversaries, \_\_\_\_\_, are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, especially those who are hungry, cold, and in need of our help; for prisoners and captives, especially those who struggle to survive; for all who remember and care for them, and especially for us, that we may in faith, respond to the crisis before us encouraging and helping those who need our help the most; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; especially, \_\_\_\_\_, are there others; and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, so that those you love may know peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins 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 hearts; 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**

*The Celebrant continues:*

For 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**

## Peace

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Announcements

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

**Offertory Hymn** *The Old Rugged Cross* **CHS 12**

**Doxology** **Hymnal 380(v3)**

### **The Holy Communion** **The Great Thanksgiving (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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

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*

**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.**

*The people may 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 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

### Fraction Hymn

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:*

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

**Communion**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Hymnal 325**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living 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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Going Forth Hymn**

*Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

**Hymnal 556**

**Deacon:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**



The Nave Presence Candle is given Jan Sinram in Thanksgiving for Laura and all of God's Gifts.  
The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Ken Gomeringer in Thanksgiving for my daughter Hailey

### Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

**Birthday Prayer:** O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary Prayer:** O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

#### Birthdays:

Stephanie B  
Paul G  
Cathy J  
Hailey G  
Wesley H  
Robert R  
Machaela N

#### Anniversaries:

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		Feb 1	Feb 8
VPOD		Ken G	Judy D
Hospitality		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		Christian Ed	Acolytes
Altar Bread		Judy D	Judy D
LEMs	5:00 pm	Kristi S	Kathy B / Toby W
	8:00 am	Cindy P	Doug A
	9:30 am	Jan S Carol S	Emily W Lori E
LEV		Team 1	Team 2
Recycle		Jan S	Marcia A
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	MacKenzie C Evelynn C Kyper M	Isaiah H Amanda N Evelynn M

## This Week's Highlights

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Our Annual Parish Meeting begins at 10:30am. today, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Lunch is provided.

**The Valentine's Extravaganza continues!** On 6 February, join us for a night of Bingo, wine (or non-alcoholic beverage) tasting, and food pairing. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance - see Katarina after Sunday worship services. Ticket sales will end 3 February. Doors will open at 6:30; the festivities begin at 7pm.

**Inquirers:** Mother Margaret will starting an Inquires class for confirmation, baptism, and just general knowledge of the Church. She plans to start the third week in February. Please visit the Spirit Hub and sign-up.

**First Friday:** The next is the Women of Spirit First Friday Sack lunch is at noon Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>.