

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



January 18, 2026

The Second 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

Christ, Who's Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal 7

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 high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high 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 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 Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament – Isaiah 42:1-9

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, o 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.**

Psalms 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.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians

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.**

Sequence Hymn

God of Mercy, God of Light

Hymnal 538

The Gospel: John 1:29-42

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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).

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

"Grace to You"

Mtr 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 you 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

Come, Follow Me and Live

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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 Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

Hymnal 439

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Going Forth Hymn

Christ is the World's True Light

Hymnal 366

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 by Joan & Dean Olander in Thanksgiving for Dean's Birthday
The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Joan Carter in Thanksgiving for a New Year of possibilities.

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:

Marcia A
Jax H
Kyper M
Mason N
Mary W
Harper A
Joey B

Anniversaries:

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		Jan 18	Jan 25
VPOD		Rick H	Vince C
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 3	Team 4
Spirit Hub		Vestry	Food for Parish Mem
Altar Bread		Jan S	Jan S
LEM's	5:00 pm	Kathy B / Toby W	Charlotte A
	8:00 am	Cindy P	Doug A
	9:30 am	Jen W Michele H	Carol S Amber H
LEV		Team 2	Team 3
Recycle		Susan H	Karen G
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Vincent C Olivia H Mya H	MacKenzie C Evelynn C Kyper M

This Week's Highlights

You are Invited: To the Celebration of New Ministry and the Installation of Reverend Margret Brack on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 A reception will follow.

Healing Service: There will be healing rites offered this Sunday, January 18, during the 9:30am service. Healing rites will be available every 3rd Sunday.

Directory: There are 2 dummy copies of the directory at the Spirit Hub. Please stop by and check the directory. Initial by your name if everything is correct. The birth dates are for office use only and will not be published. If your adult children have moved away, please update their address and indicate if they wish to remain active or just receive the Weekly Spark.

Office Closed: Our office will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in honor of Martin Luther King.

Annual Parish Meeting: Our Annual Parish Meeting beings at 10:30am. on February 1st. Lunch is provided.

Pledges: Some members have still had trouble with online pledges. If you pledged online or had trouble, please see Judy or Ken. Our 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards are available for pick-up. Our online link is found on the front page of our website. No matter how little, every \$ counts.

Vestry: With 2 members of the vestry stepping down this February, we are looking for members of the parish to serve. If you are interested or just want information, please see Judy Darrell or Ken Gomeringer.