

**BLESSED**  
ARE  
THE POOR IN SPIRIT  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
THOSE WHO MOURN  
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED  
ARE THE MEEK  
FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH  
THOSE WHO HUNGER  
& THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED  
MATTHEW 5:3-6

THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
EPIPHANY



*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,  
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



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# The Holy Eucharist

*Anglican Standard Text*

## Pre-Service Music

**Announcements** — beginning at 9:55am; followed by a few minutes of quiet reflection, prayer in preparation for worship

## Processional Song In Christ Alone

(Verse 1)

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

(Verse 2)

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

(Verse 3)

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

(Verse 4)

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## Opening Hymn

## Spirit of The Living God

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall afresh on me  
Melt me mold me  
Fill me use me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall afresh on me

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## The Word of God page 105

## Acclamation page 105

**Celebrant:** I will make you as a light for the nations,

**People:** That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6*

## Collect for Purity *prayed together page 124*

**All Pray:** 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.

## Summary of the Law *page 106*

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## Gloria in Excelsis *said together page 107*

Celebrant: Let us glorify the Lord together.

**All: 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.**

## Collect of the Day *page 601*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Lector: A Reading from the book of Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>“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? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, 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?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Psalm 37:1-11

Lector: We will read from Psalm 37 in unison.

- 1 Fret not yourself because of the ungodly, neither be envious of those who are evildoers.
- 2 For they shall soon be dried up like the grass, and be withered even as the green herb.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and surely you shall be fed.
- 4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way unto the LORD and put your trust in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

- 6 He shall make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.  
7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not grieve yourself over the one whose way prospers, over the one who carries out evil counsels.  
8 Refrain from wrath, and let go of anger; fret not yourself, lest you be moved to do evil.  
9 For evildoers shall be rooted out, but those who wait patiently for the LORD, they shall inherit the land.  
10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone; you shall look for their place, and they shall not be there.  
11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the land and shall be refreshed with an abundance of peace.

## Second Reading I Corinthians 1:18-31

Lector: A Reading from the book of I Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Sermon The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

## Nicene Creed *said together page 108-109*

Let us confess 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, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 *page 110-112*

*After each bidding, please silently or aloud offer your own prayers.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Joseph Biden, our President, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and Michael, our Priest, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded, especially the leaders and staff of Campus Outreach and the Mossy Foot Project.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution of Sin** *page 112-113*

LEM: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*Everyone my kneel as able and pray*

**People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words** *page 113*

Celebrant: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **Peace**

*Please stand page 114*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Please greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

## **Offertory** *page 149*

Celebrant: And Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." *Luke 10:2*

## Offertory Song

(Verse 1)

Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

(Verse 2)

Be Thou my wisdom  
Be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

## Be Thou My Vision

(Verse 3)

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
Be first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

(Verse 4)

High King of heaven  
When vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

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**Doxology** *Please stand as the offering is brought forward*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Offertory Prayer** *page 114*

**Celebrant:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

**People:** **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** *page 115 (153)*

*Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**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.**

**Celebrant:** It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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:

**All Sing:** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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.**

## **Prayer of Consecration** *page 116-117*

Celebrant: All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

## **Lord's Prayer** *Prayed together page 118*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**



Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

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

## **The Prayer of Humble Access** *page 135*

**All Pray:** **We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

## **Holy Communion** *page 119*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

*We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated or you are welcome to come to the front, to the left of the Communion service, where a member of our prayer team is available to quietly pray with and for you.*

### **Communion Hymn 1**

(Verse 1)

Holy holy holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Holy holy holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come  
Holy holy holy is the Lord

(Verse 2)

Worthy worthy worthy is the Lord  
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty  
Worthy worthy worthy is the Lord  
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come  
Worthy worthy worthy is the Lord

### **Holy Is The Lord**

(Verse 3)

Glory glory glory is the Lord  
Glory is the Lord God Almighty  
Glory glory glory is the Lord  
Glory is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come  
Glory glory glory is the Lord

(Verse 4)

Jesus Jesus Jesus is the Lord  
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Jesus Jesus is the Lord  
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is  
And is to come  
Jesus Jesus Jesus is the Lord

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### **Communion Hymn 2**

(Verse 1)

This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me

(Verse 2)

This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me

### **This Is The Air I Breathe**

(chorus)

*And I'm desperate for You  
And I'm lost without You*

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## Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 120-121*

Let us pray: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing *page 121*

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn Onward Christian Soldiers

(Verse 1)

Onward Christian soldiers  
Marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before  
Christ the royal Master  
Leads against the foe  
Forward into battle  
See His banner go

(chorus)

Onward Christian soldiers  
Marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before

(Verse 2)

At the sign of triumph  
Satan's host doth flee  
On then Christian soldiers  
On to victory  
Hell's foundations quiver  
At the shout of praise  
Brothers lift your voices  
Loud your anthems raise  
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

Like a mighty army  
Moves the church of God  
Brothers we are treading  
Where the saints have trod  
We are not divided  
All one body we  
One in hope and doctrine  
One in charity  
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 4)

Crowns and thrones may perish  
Kingdoms rise and wane  
But the church of Jesus  
Constant will remain  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst the church prevail  
We have Christ's own Promise  
And that cannot fail  
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 5)

Onward then ye people  
Join our happy throng  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song  
Glory laud and honor  
Unto Christ the King  
This thru countless ages  
Men and angels sing  
(repeat chorus)

## Dismissal *page 122*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

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

## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany, celebrated January 6th, also known as "Three Kings Day", is a Christian holiday, marking the twelfth day of the Christmas season and the revelation of Christ as the son of God. It is also often the focus on the three magi (or "wise men") and their visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The story goes that the three kings found baby Jesus by following the guidance of a mysterious star. This ends the season of Christmas and then begins a new season of ordinary time, growth and new life, color green, leading up to lent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please contact Ron Davis at 231-330-6355 or e-mail [rsdavismgr@gmail.com](mailto:rsdavismgr@gmail.com) or any member of the Prayer Chain Ministry. If you would like to be part of New Life's Prayer Chain please contact Ron.
- **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesdays 1–5pm, Wednesdays 2-5pm & Thursdays 9:30am – 1pm

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING** – Sunday, January 15th. in lg classroom during coffee hour.
- **FREE MEN'S CLOTHING CLOSET** – Open by appointment contact Gretchen Lucky 231-622-2057
- **WINTER COAT / SNOWSUIT DISTRIBUTION** – We are going to try to have a winter coat/snowsuit distribution for the clothing closet IF we get enough coats/snowsuits/etc. All ages and genders. Bring in whatever you have and leave them in the large downstairs classroom. We will get it organized. (Help is always welcome!)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING** – Will resume in the new year. Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the annex's lg classroom. Come and join us for a time of fun and fellowship.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Forgiving What You Can't Forget** by Lysa TerKeurst, meets on every other Saturday at 10am., the next meeting will be on January 28th. Please sign up on sheet in Blanz Hall to let Lacy know you are interested in attending and how many books to order.

## MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting is Thursday, January 25th and will be hosted at New Life in Blanz Hall. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

## MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER** – Every Thursday at 8:30 am in Fr Mike's Office. All are welcome
- **THE BOOK OF ACTS – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** – we will be meeting each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall.
- **MOVIE NIGHT** – American Gospel: In Christ Alone – We will be serving hotdogs starting at 4:30 and the movie will begin at 5pm; sign up on the sheet in Blanz Hall.

## THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE *(Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the church)*

<b>Sunday 1/29</b>	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
		<i>After Service ~ Annual Meeting ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</i>
Tuesday 1/31	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at J.W. Filmore's
Wednesday 2/1	6:00pm	Pizza & Salad Dinner / 6:30pm Acts Bible Study
Thursday 2/2	8:30am	Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office
	10:30pm	Men's Bible Study @ The Davis'
Saturday 2/4	4:30pm	Hotdogs / 5pm Movie Night - <u>American Gospel: In Christ Alone</u>
<b>Sunday 2/5</b>	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
		<i>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</i>

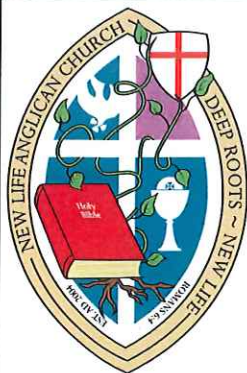
## SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULES:

### TODAY, JANUARY 29:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Ferd & Wes  
Lector: Gretchen Lucky  
Lay Minister: Wally Stansbury  
Usher/Counter: Dylan W. / Don L.  
Greeter: The Flynns  
Coffee Hour: The Williams

### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

Altar Guild: Gretchen Lucky  
Music: Ferd & Wes  
Lector: Dan Wandrie  
Lay Minister: Erika Dielman  
Usher/Counter: Don L. / Randy F.  
Greeter: Sally Stump  
Coffee Hour: The Greenwells



## Who We Are

We, the Members of New Life Anglican Church, form a welcoming and loving Anglican community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we love and praise God, and love our neighbors as ourselves. We celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation through the Holy Spirit, and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

## Our Vision

We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith, and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.

## Our Mission

We will achieve the Great Commission through fulfillment of spiritual needs of our Church and community.

## Our Motto

Deep Roots, New Life

## Our Beliefs

We believe in the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

We believe that through the sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden, all of mankind has fallen and been corrupted by sin, and that God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die upon the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

We believe that The Nicene Creed and The Apostles Creed summarize the essentials of the Christian faith.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit dwells within us, and empowers us to a life of transformation and sanctification.

We believe in spiritual gifts.

We believe in the power of prayer.

## Our Core Values

We value God's word.

We value God's creation.

We value holiness and spirit filled living.

We value life from conception to death.

We value generosity, charity and giving in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

We value spiritual growth.

We value the sacrament of Marriage as ordained by God.

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## If You Are Visiting For The First Time

We welcome you, and we pray you will encounter the Lord in this place.

If you have any special needs, please tell one of our greeters or ushers. One is usually seated at the back of the room during the service.

Bathrooms are at the bottom of the stairs: the ladies' room is to the right; the men's room is down the hallway on the left.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs.

We invite you to sign our guest book or a Visitor's Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

If you need additional prayer after services, please ask someone on the prayer team or fill out a Prayer Request Card

If you would like to learn more about New Life, please let us know.

We pray God will bless your day, and we hope to see you here next Sunday.