

The Baptism of Evan, Gus, Amos & Wesley



THE FIFTH 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

Pre-Service Music

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

Processional Song Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Verse 1)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Brothers and sisters draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

(Verse 2)

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth

(Verse 3)

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee

(Verse 4)

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for all we adore Him

Opening Hymn

Open Our Eyes Lord

(Verse 1)

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

(Verse 2)

Give us bright wings Lord
And crown us with sunshine
Open our hearts Lord
We want to see Jesus
Monarch of heaven
We want to be with You
To be with Your Spirit
And give ourselves to You
(repeat verse 1)

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The Word of God

Acclamation *page 145 (161)*

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Purity *prayed together*

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

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*

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading 2 Kings 22:8-20

Lector: A Reading from the book of 2 Kings

⁸And Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. ⁹And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord." ¹⁰Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king. ¹¹When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes. ¹²And the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, ¹³"Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us." ¹⁴So Hilkiyah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter), and they talked with her. ¹⁵And she said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, ¹⁶Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all

the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. ¹⁷ Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. ¹⁸ But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, ¹⁹ because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.” And they brought back word to the king.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 27

Lector: We will read from Psalm 27 in unison.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host were encamped against me, yet my heart would not be afraid,
and though war rose up against me, yet would I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I desired of the LORD; one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to seek him in his temple.
- 6 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; indeed, in the secret place of his
dwelling he shall hide me, and set me high upon a rock of stone.
- 7 And now he shall lift up my head above my enemies round about me.
- 8 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;
I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.
- 9 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto you; have mercy upon me and hear me.
- 10 You speak to my heart and say, “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, will I seek.
- 11 O hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
- 12 You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 When my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD takes me in.
- 14 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me in the right way, because of my enemies.
- 15 Deliver me not over to the will of my adversaries, for there are false witnesses who have risen
up against me, and those who speak wrong.
- 16 I would utterly have fainted, had I not believed that
I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
- 17 O wait for the LORD; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart. O put your trust in the LORD.

Second Reading I Corinthians 2:1-16

Lector: A Reading from the book of I Corinthians.

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so

that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Exhortation page 162

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that *these Candidates*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a *living members* of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *these Candidates* that which by nature *they* cannot have.

The Presentation

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Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Celebrant: I present Evan James, Gus Lee, Amos Dylan, Wesley Elliott to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Today, on behalf of *these children*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *these children are* taught, as soon as *they are* able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *They* must come to put *their* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *their souls*. When *they have* embraced all these, *they are* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *they may* publicly claim the Faith for *their* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Celebrant: Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith

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The Celebrant then examines the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying:

Question: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

The Celebrant prays over the Candidates and may anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: I do.

Question: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I do. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Litany for the Candidates page 166

The Deacon, or other person appointed, may say

Let us now pray for *these Candidates* who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That *these children* may come to confess *their* faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *they* have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *they* fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That *they* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as a *living* members of the Body of Christ, *he* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, *they* may run with endurance the race set before *them*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Prayer for the Candidates page 167

The Celebrant now prays for the Candidates as follows

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *these* your servants. Wash and sanctify *them* through your Holy Spirit, that *they* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *they* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water page 167-168

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, pours the water for Baptism.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism *page 169-170*

Then the Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

*Evan James Williams, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

*Evan, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.***

Then the Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

*Gus Lee Williams, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

*Gus, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.***

Then the Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

*Amos Dylan Williams, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

*Amos, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.***

Then the Celebrant pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

*Wesley Elliott Williams, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized, saying

Wesley, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

Candles are presented, they are given here.

When all have been baptized and signed the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them. O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

Peace

Please stand page 131

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

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Song

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

(Verse 1)

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The Star of my life is Jesus

(chorus)

*In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus*

(Verse 2)

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus
(repeat chorus)

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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

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

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; because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 I

Glorify Thy Name

(Verse 1)

Father we love Thee

We praise Thee

We adore Thee

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

(Verse 2)

Jesus we love Thee

We praise Thee

We adore Thee

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

(Verse 3)

Spirit we love Thee

We praise Thee

We adore Thee

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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Communion Hymn 2

(Verse 1)

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

And worship at His feet

(echo) And worship at His feet

(repeat)

(chorus 1)

For He (for He) is holy

For the Lord our God, He is holy

For the Lord our God, He is holy

For the Lord our God, He is holy

Yes the Lord our God, He is holy

(repeat all)

Exalt The Lord

(chorus 2)

For He (for He) is holy

For the Lord our God, You are holy

For the Lord our God, You are holy

For the Lord our God, You are holy

Yes the Lord our God, You are holy

(ending)

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

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Post-Communion Prayer

Prayed together

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

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 Here I Am Lord

(Verse 1)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

(chorus)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

(Verse 2)

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love for them. They turn away.

I, will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

(repeat chorus)

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

WARNING NOTICE:

- DUE TO FALLING ICE - PLEASE DO NOT WALK OR PARK WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE OUTER SIDES OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDING IN THE WINTER/EARLY SPRING. WHENEVER IT WARMS UP AT ALL THE ICE FALLS OFF THIS VERY HIGH ROOF IN LARGE CHUNKS. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND WARN OTHERS. THANK YOU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please contact Ron Davis at 231-330-6355 or e-mail 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 BIBLE STUDY – Forgiving What You Can't Forget** by Lysa TerKeurst, meets on every other Saturday at 10am., the next meeting will be on February 11th. 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, February 16th and will be hosted by Wes Ostrander 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 resume meeting after Lent* for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall.

- **LENTEN DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT** – beginning Wednesday, March 8th we will have soup and salad dinner at 6pm after which we will be watching a portion of the movie American Gospel: In Christ Alone followed by a time of discussion. Sign-up sheet for soup is in Blanz Hall.
- **LENTEN DINNER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – for the first Wednesday in Lent, March 1st, we will have soup and salad dinner at 6pm after which we will be walking the Stations of the Cross. Sign-up sheet for soup is in Blanz Hall.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – 6:30pm, Wednesday, February 22nd
- **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER** – 6:00pm, Tuesday, February 21st. Sign up sheet in Blanz Hall.

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

Sunday 2/5	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	10:00am	Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		<i>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</i>
Tuesday 2/7	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at J.W. Filmore's
Wednesday 2/8	6:00pm	Pizza & Salad Dinner / 6:30pm Acts Bible Study
Thursday 2/9	8:30am	Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office
	10:30pm	Men's Bible Study @ The Davis'
Saturday 2/11	10:00am	Women's Bible Study - <u>Forgiving What You Can't Forget</u>
Sunday 2/12	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	10:00am	Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		<i>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</i>

SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY, 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

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Altar Guild: Gretchen Lucky
 Music: Ferd & Wes
 Lector: Ferd Dielman
 Lay Minister: Mickey Bridge
 Usher/Counter: Randy F. / Dan W.
 Greeter: The Bowmans
 Coffee Hour: Sally Stump

Notes



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.