

St. John's Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday in Epiphany
Holy Eucharist: Rite II ✠ February 25, 2024

Celebrant: Rev. Harold Schneider

Lector: Kay LeClaire Music Director: Kitty Underwood

Processional Hymn: *Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days* H 143

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

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.**

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The Gloria

Hymn S-280

**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.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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Psalm 22:22-30

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The Second Lesson: **Romans 4:13-25**

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Sequence Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

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Sermon:

Rev. Harold Schneider

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The Nicene Creed (*all standing*)

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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The Prayers of the People - form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us offer prayers to the Holy One, whose glory is a
devouring fire and a mighty tempest.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the
nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

I ask your prayers for those on our prayer list:
Kyle, Barb, Dave, Loren, the Harrand Family, Ron, Dave,
Angie, Phil, Dan, Connie, Barbara, Chris, Chuck, Annie,
Joe, Joyce, Carol, Kathy, Kari, Laurie, Matt, Darlene, Sally
and Arlene.

For our home parishioners: Eleana, Harvey, Evelyn, Darlene,
Richard, Kathleen, and Linda, that they may receive your
healing, comfort and know your abundant love.

Grant wisdom, discernment, and your vision for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer: St. John's, Midland, St. Thomas, Battle Creek, and Church of the Province of Southeast Asia.

I ask your prayers for those serving our country in the military especially: Dylan, John, John, Jacquelyn, Michael, Jared and Glenn, Jennifer, John, Kyle, Ray, Jared and all military chaplains, that they may be kept safe from harm and learn to trust in you more fully.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.**

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The Peace *All stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name
of the Lord.*

Announcements and Prayers

Offertory Anthem: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Choir

Doxology: (verse 3 Hymn 380)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. **And of thine own have we given thee.** (1 Chr. 29:14)

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The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

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 sung or said on all Sundays.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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 you Name:

Sanctus
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Hymn S-

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel.

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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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 John and all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our
salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now
and
for ever. *AMEN.*

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

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Angus Dei (sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us
your peace.

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.



Ministration of Communion – All are welcome at God's table.

Communion Anthem: *Commune With Me*

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Post Communion Prayer

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

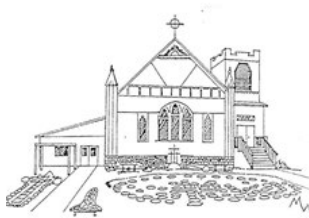
Recessional Hymn: *King of Life I Crown Thee* LEVAS-31

The Dismissal

People respond

Thanks be to God.

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The Second Sunday in Lent, Year B

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Psalm 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in
their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
*
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow
before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow
down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people
yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or

when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the

sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Prayer List

February 25, 2024

Kyle Bishop –

grandson of Dave
Bishop–for healing

Loren Clark-Friend of
John & Yvonne-
Cancer

Sally Granger-Cancer

The Harrand Family-
Friend of Sherry
Wagner-for healing
and peace.

Ron Herberholtz-
Healing after car
Accident

Darlene Herndon-on
The Passing of Dave

Angie Hill-Friend of
Ina-Recurring
Cancer

Phil Hopkins-Healing

Dan Huffman-Kitty's
cousin, for closed
head injuries

Connie Jones-A closer
walk with God

Barbara Kamy-friend
of Dianne Bishop-
Stroke

Timothy Kroll-Friend of
Dianne Bishop-
pneumonia

Chris Landis-Nephew
of John & Yvonne-
Cancer

Chuck Leonard-
Brother of Sherry
Petrie, for heart
problems

Annie Lendway-Friend
of the Wagners-
Healing

Joe Lendway-Friend of
Sherry Wagner,
recurring cancer

Joyce Moss-Healing

Marilyn Reynolds-
John & Yvonne's
Sister-in-law. Dec
21 Surgery

Carol Schroeder-
Friend of Sherry

Petrie, for health issues.

Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.

Laurie Verbeke-friends with the Petries- Successful Stem Cell Transplant

Arlene Zuhlke-John & Yvonne's Aunt- Cancer

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Building Bridges
Committee Members
St. Andrew's, Big Rapids
- Radha Kaminski,
Rector
Trinity, Alpena - Ellen Eagan, Sr. Warden

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Our home parishioners:
Eleana Fettig, Harvey

Taylor, Evelyn Sunich,
Darlene Herndon,
Richard & Kathleen
Buszek, Linda Neros.

Those in Service to our country:

Anderson, John
Hodgeman, John
McNary, Jacquelyn
Folcarelli, Michael
Folcarelli, Jared
Killingbeck, their families, and all military chaplains

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taste and See Lenten Series

Wednesdays at 6pm
March 6*March 20

