



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

February 8, 2026 ..... 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).*

*Hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982, after the Service Music (S) section.*

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Voluntary in C.....Jock Horne (1894-1978)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN 11 .....Awake, my soul, and with the sun .....MORNING HYMN

*The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO .....David Hurd (b. 1950), *New Plainsong*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

hea - ven - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON .....Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say,  
Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

*The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.*



*The choir chants the verses, and all respond with the refrain as marked.*

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the LORD \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever. **Refrain**

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. **Refrain**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the LORD.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE..... 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

HYMN 593 .....Lord, make us servants of your peace ..... DICKINSON COLLEGE

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** .....Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

**SERMON**..... The Rev. Lois Maberry

**THE NICENE CREED**..... Prayer Book, p. 358

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form V**..... Prayer Book, p. 389

**CONFESSION OF SIN** ..... Prayer Book, p. 360

**THE PEACE**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN ..... Gracious Spirit, give your servants ..... ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

1. cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
2. great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture  
3. - ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,  
4. un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

1. peace to share love's lib - er - ty. Through us bring your balm of  
2. to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -  
3. turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and  
4. right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your

1. glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us  
 2. - pas - sion shape and guide our min - i - stries; as our  
 3. fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us  
 4. mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us

1. claim and show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 2. Sav - ior and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 3. faith's im - ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 4. may the world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B.....Prayer Book, p. 367

SANCTUS..... D. Hurd, *New Plainsong*

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM..... D. Hurd, *New Plainsong*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do what is most authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.*

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM..... Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

*My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast,  
 though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.  
 Of so divine a guest, unworthy though I be,  
 yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee.  
 Unless it come from thee, in vain I look around;  
 in all that I can see, no rest is to be found.  
 No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love:  
 O let my wish be crowned and send it from above.*

- J. Byrom (1692–1763)

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HYMN .....The Church of Christ in every age .....DUNEDIN



1. The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing  
 4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its her - it -  
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for bread to  
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to share our  
 be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.  
 fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ..... Prayer Book, p. 366

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 594 ..... God of grace and God of glory ..... CWM RHONDDA;  
 v. 4 arr. Rawsthorne

ORGAN POSTLUDE ..... Allegro maestoso ..... Hermann Schröder (1904–1984)

*During the Sundays after Epiphany, we have heard voluntaries by Jonathan T. "Jock" Horne. Mr. Horne was the organist and choirmaster of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, for more than 50 years. He was also father to Mrs. Esmé F. Horne Hipwell, Holy Cross's choir director ca. 1955–1966 and wife of the Rev. Frank Hipwell (Rector of Holy Cross, 1956–1962).*

*This week we remember George Hayden Bromby Jr., Elizabeth Fahnestock, and Rosalie Parrish Worrell,  
 buried from Holy Cross.*

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b> .....	Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m. Rector’s forum, 9:45 a.m. (Undercroft)
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	Holy Eucharist, Noon (Quire)
<b>Thursday</b> .....	Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)
<b>Monday–Saturday</b> .....	Daily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

The **reading group** meets every **First and Third Wednesday** of the month at **10:00** in the Library. For more information, please call Laura at (318) 564-3590 or text Holly at (662) 279-6801.

The **next installment** of this year’s **organ recital series** will be on **March 1 at 1:30**, featuring works for the season of Lent and Holy Week. This half-hour program is free and open to the public.

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