

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



**The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Prelude

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn 7

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity

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.

Sung at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Song of Praise

Glory to God

by Clifton J. Noble

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord, God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fath-er, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry. 3. Lord, Je-sus Christ on ly son of the Fath-er Lord God, lamb of God, 4. You take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer- cy on us. 5. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath- er, re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the ho- ly one; You a - lone are the Lord; You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus molto rit. Christ with the Ho - ly Spi-rit In the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - - - men.

The Presider then says

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

Reader In this reading, the servant of the Lord reflects on his mission and God's high calling and promise to be with him. It was probably composed as the exiles from Jerusalem were preparing to return to the devastated city.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Psalm 40: 1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come."

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
 ‘I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep in my heart.’”

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;
 and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;
 do not withhold your compassion from me;
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader Paul is writing this letter from Ephesus some months after his first stay with the new Christian community in Corinth. He greets them and offers thanksgiving for their growth in Christ.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:00 a.m.

Gospel Hymn 538

God of Mercy, God of Grace

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

People: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader: Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;
People: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning;
People: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.**

Leader: We pray especially in memory of Teddi J. Brown and Sandy Brown, for whom altar memorials have been given; we also pray for Irakli G. Kallfa and Georgiana T. Kallfa, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns. We pray also for James Mesic, recently deceased. May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom. Everyone is invited to add their own prayers, silently or aloud, at this time.

People: **Loving God, we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.**

The Presider may a concluding Collect.

Then the Presider says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor, “which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at Tithe.ly or scan the QR code located in the pew.

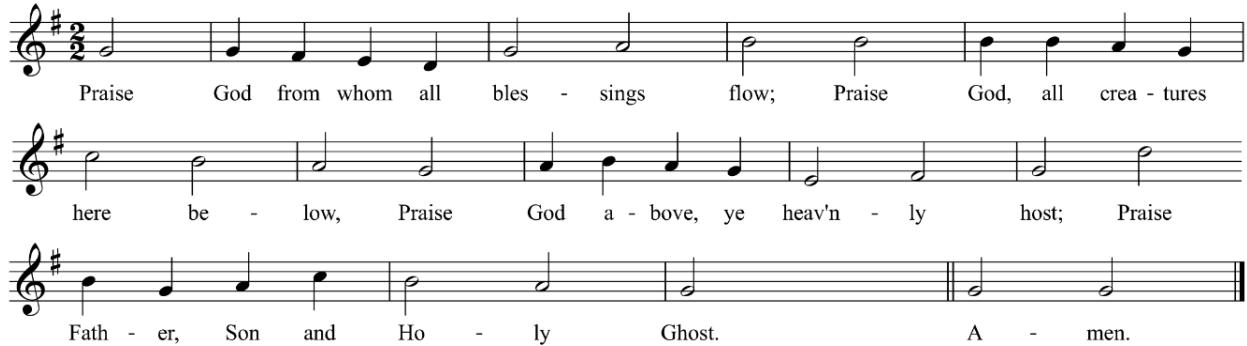
Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Presentation Hymn 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

The Presider continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, one true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

by Clifton J. Noble

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, you Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, and you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your hold reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to t he glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the nigh before he died for us, Jesus took break, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remember all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth as formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

The Presider the People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, but the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voice of unending praise.

The Presider the People

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Spoken at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us your peace.**

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are as follows:

Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world
Have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the
sins of the world, Grant us your peace.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup. You may now intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. A separate cup is available to those receiving communion with gluten-free bread. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider may bless the people, who respond

Amen.

Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Concluding Hymn 542

Christ Is the World's True Light

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PERMISSIONS

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	8:00 am	10:00 am
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Teddi J. Brown and Sandy Brown.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of for Irakli G. Kalfa and Georgiana Tsianco Kalfa. May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Diocesan Prayer for St. John's Episcopal Church, Athol; Church Without Walls, Springfield; Spouses of deceased clergy; the House of Deputies; and Jubilee Ministries.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Nyla, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Jacques, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday January 18

The Second Sunday After Epiphany
8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person
10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Monday, January 19

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*
5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Upstairs)*
8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Tuesday, January 20

12:00 pm *Women's Luncheon (SMGR)*
6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
6:30 pm *Music Together*
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, January 21

12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study: Revelation
7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (*SMGR)*

Thursday, January 22

5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Upstairs)*
6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Friday, January 23

7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*

Saturday, January 24

9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Sunday, January 25

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person
10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed
12:00 pm Vestry Meeting
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

*Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

“Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love”

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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