

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Liturgy of the Word

February 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude

Opening Hymn 398

I Sing The Almighty Power of God

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 8am & 10am

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 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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Reader The Lord asks the people why they do not practice justice, love, and humility despite all that he has done for them, even calling the mountains and the hills—the foundations of the earth—to witness both the actions of God and the behavior of the people.

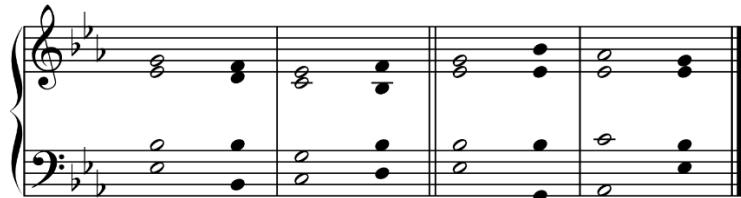
Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm 15



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your **tabernacle**? *
who may abide upon your holy **hill**?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is **right**, *
who speaks the truth from his **heart**.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his **friend**; *
he does not heap contempt upon his **neighbor**.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is **rejected**, *
but he honors those who fear the **Lord**.
- 5 He has sworn to do no **wrong** *
and does not take back his **word**.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of **gain**, *
nor does he take a bribe against the **innocent**.

(second half)

- 7 Whoever does these **things** *
shall never be **overthrown**.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Reader In this lesson Paul directs the Corinthians' attention to God's way of using what is weak and lowly—even what the world regards as foolish—to accomplish divine purposes.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Gospel Hymn LEVAS 38

The Old Rugged Cross

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

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 thanksgiving for Jan Parks, for whom altar memorials have been given; we also pray for Neil Newman, Robert Trask, Eleanor and Gerard Morency, Bernadette Morency, and Jennie Frennette, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns. Thank you for our blessings and may 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 adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they that mourn
For they shall be comforted
Blessed are the meek
For they shall inherit the earth
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after
righteousness
For they shall be filled, filled, they shall be filled;
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after
righteousness
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful
For they shall obtain mercy
Blessed are the pure in heart
For they shall see God
Blessed are those who make peace
They shall be called children of God
Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness
For their's is the kingdom, the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are they: their's is the kingdom of heaven
The kingdom of heaven.

The Beatitudes

by Clifton J. Noble

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and
persecute you for my name's sake
Blessed are you when men say evil falsely against
you
Rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in
heaven
For that is how they persecuted the prophets.

You are the salt of the earth
And you are the light of the world
A city set on a hill
Shall not be hid.
Let your light so shine
That all men may see your good works.
Let your light shine to the ends of the earth and
glorify
Your father in heaven, heaven, your father in
heaven
Let your light shine to the ends of the earth and
glorify
Your father in heaven.

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.**

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.

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)

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Concluding Hymn 556

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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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 thanksgiving for Janet Parks.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of for Neil Newman, Robert Trask, Eleanor and Gerard Morency, Bernadette Morency, and Jennie Frennette. May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Church of England.

Diocesan Prayer for The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; the Daughters of the King, Evangelism Initiatives, and Racial Reconciliation and Creation Care.

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 February 1

The Fourth 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, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
6:30 pm *Music Together*
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

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, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed
10:15 am Annual 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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