

## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026 at 10 a.m. Rite 2

### Opening Hymn: #135 "Songs of Thankfulness and Prayer"

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

*People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.*

#### Glory to God #S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, 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 Fa - ther, 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 Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People: And with thy spirit***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day: 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 First Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7**

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***

### **The Psalm: 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**

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.***

### **Sequence Hymn:**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

### **The Gospel: John 1:29-42**

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).

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord    ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski**

### **The Prayers of the People**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishops and all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford Parish volunteers & parish historians. For the Ecumenical Ministry Network; *the Province of Anglican Church of the Congo*  
***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthdays especially for Kathy Kniep 1/20, Sophie Bush 1/23, Kristina Perkins 1/24 and for those celebrating anniversaries that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Ann Valerio, Daniel Matthew Lebreton, Pauline Leonard and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection,  
remembering especially Linda Snarski, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering  
and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord,  
by thy grace. let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,  
and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Presider: For what else shall we pray on this day?*

*Presider: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer  
in this joyful season. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our  
lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

## **Announcements**



## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Hymn # 439 “What wondrous love is this”**

*The Doxology is sung while the offering is brought to the altar.*

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: 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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

# Sanctus #S-130

*Schubert, arr. Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***Celebrant and People: 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...

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis  
pa - cem.

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## Closing Hymn LEVAS #1 “Lift up your voice and sing”

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude

**Legal notice: The Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal Church will be held on February 1, 2026.**

## Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

## Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Hannah Janowiak, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Peggy Cobb & family, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family.