



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

8:00 am - 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

*Coffee Hour to follow at 11:00*

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort  
To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship  
To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior.  
And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door  
And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.

## The Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #427 When morning gilds the skies

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

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

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

## The Collect for 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.

## The Gloria

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

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.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Readings

*All are seated.*

#### Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99 Dominus regnavit (Read responsively by full verse)**

The Lord is King;  
    let the people tremble;  
    he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
    let the earth shake.

**The Lord is great in Zion;**  
**he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
    he is the Holy One.

**"O mighty King, lover of justice,**  
**you have established equity;**  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
    and fall down before his footstool;  
    he is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,**  
**and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,**  
**they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
    they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;**  
**you were a God who forgave them,**  
**yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God**  
**and worship him upon his holy hill;**  
**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

*All stand as are able.*

### **Gradual Hymn**

#### **The Hymnal 1982 #618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche

*A brief time of reflection follows the sermon*

### **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 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.

## The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Jeff, Hector, and Brian our Bishops;  
and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

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.

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand as are able.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Randell Christopher (16<sup>th</sup>), Dax Gomez (17<sup>th</sup>), Fr. Bradley Dyche (17<sup>th</sup>), Judy Blackburn (18<sup>th</sup>), Nancy Yates (19<sup>th</sup>), Angel Carter (20<sup>th</sup>)

*Celebrant and People*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

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

*Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, given by text by sending an amount to (254) 282-0706, or given online. Mailed checks may be sent to the address printed at the end of the bulletin.*

**The Offertory Hymn**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing #64 I love to tell the story**



1. I love to tell the story Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.  
2. Seem hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing To hear it, like the rest.  
1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,  
1. It sat - is - fies my long-ings As noth - ing else would do.  
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.  
To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Words: A. Katherine Hankey (1831-1911). Music: William G. Fisher (1835-1912).

**Doxology**

*(sung to The Hymnal 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.*

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing, as are able. The Celebrant says*

People                    The Lord be with you.  
Celebrant              **And also with you.**  
People                    Lift up your hearts.  
Celebrant              **We lift them to the Lord.**  
People                    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People                    **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

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

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The people stand or kneel, as are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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:

*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

Jesus said to the disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." John 14:27

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

### ***Concerning Holy Communion***

*"This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.*

*It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.*

*So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.*

*Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.*

*It is his will that those who want him should meet him here."*



*If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.*

*Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*



*Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*



*If after receiving Communion or a blessing you would like special prayers for healing, you are invited to go to the votive stand at the rear of the church where someone will pray with you.*

## Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #336 Come with us O blessed Jesus

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Priest gives the blessing*

## **Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Processional**

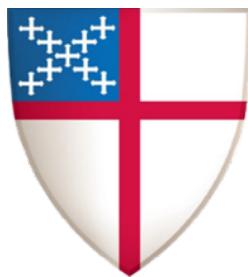
**The Hymnal 1982 #460 Alleluia, sing to Jesus**

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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## **From the Calendar of Saints**

### **February 15 Thomas Bray *Priest and Missionary, 1730***

As rector of a London church, Bray worked on behalf of black slaves in America. He founded parochial libraries and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG). Both are still in operation all over the world. He was also an advocate of prison reform, influencing public opinion and raising funds to relieve the misery of inmates.

### **February 18 Martin Luther *Reformer, 1546***

After posting his notice of an academic debate (95 theses) on the selling of indulgences, Luther, an Augustinian monk, was excommunicated. While in safekeeping in Warburg Castle, he worked on translating the Bible into German, composing hymns, and writing orders for worship services in addition to many books, sermons, letters, and tracts.

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## Clergy

The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche – Rector  
The Rev. Mark Witte – Curate  
The Rev. Leslie Guinn - Assisting

## Staff

Lexi McLemore – Parish Administrator  
Duncan McMahan – Organist  
Gail Johnson & Kelly Barbee – Altar Guild Directresses  
The Rev. Mark Witte – ECM Missioner  
Neely Carter – Vestry Secretary  
Emma Gomez – Technology Minister

## Vestry

Term Ending 2026 – Kelly Barbee, Malcolm Cross, & Ian Wilson  
Term Ending 2027 – Doug McLemore & Allison Haynes  
Term Ending 2028 – Gail Johnson & Dylan Dowell

