

MORNING PRAYER II WITH COMMUNION



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 8 A.M.

PRELUDE

Jesus loves me

Carla Strott, piano

PROCESSIONAL

I want to walk as a child of the light

Blue Hymnal 490

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OPENING SENTENCE *All stand, if able*

Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Isaiah 49:6b

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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JUBILATE

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Antiphon: The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

PSALM 93 *Please be seated.*

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PSALM 96

BCP 725

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Please be seated for the lessons.

ISAIAH 58:1-9a, 9b-12

A Lesson from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE CANTICLE. THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH *All stand, if able.*

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SECOND LESSON

Please be seated.

MATTHEW 5:13-16

A Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew.

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.”

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: Our gracious God listens to those whose work is to enable righteousness and justice and to uphold compassion and mercy: We shall call upon the Lord, and God shall answer; we shall cry for help and God will say, Here I am. And so we offer our prayers to God.

Litanist: We pray for the Church, proclaiming Christ crucified, so that our faith might not rest on human wisdom but on the power of God: May Christ reveal what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, but what has been prepared for all who love God. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

who are merciful and full of compassion.

We pray for the leaders of the nations and the leaders in our own country, that inspired by God's vision, they will loose the bonds of injustice and undo the thongs of the yoke; that they will let the oppressed go free and feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

who are merciful and full of compassion.

We pray for God's mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention: Jose Luis, Evalu, Juan, Luis, Ricard, Miguel, Jose Manuel, Jose Garcia, Gustavo, and Gonzalo, and their families. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

who are merciful and full of compassion.

We pray for this community of St. Edward's, that all may manage their affairs with justice so that their descendants may be mighty in the land and generations of the upright may be blessed. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

who are merciful and full of compassion.

We pray for the sick, the suffering and all those who are alone, remembering especially, Ginger & Gary, Marian & Jay, Dan, Donald, Nevonne, Robert, Vivian, Barbara, Adolphus, Kendra, Erielle, Kip, Julia & Rick, Ali, Hanna, Ben, Russell, Samuel, Olive, Julie, Cindy, Rosemary, Delores, Jasmine, Sarah, Jan, Joyce, Shandi, and Vinnie Lee (*The congregation may add their own petitions.*) Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

who are merciful and full of compassion.

We pray for those who have died, that they may live in light perpetual (*The congregation may add their own petitions.*) Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

who are merciful and full of compassion.

THE COLLECT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

God of love, peace, and unity, we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are; for making us equal as your children from all corners of the earth; and for giving us your blessings as your children; and for making us belong. We pray that you help us realize that we are all made in your image, and we need to bring peace to all your creation as one people who belong to you. We ask all this through Christ our brother. Amen.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS *(see insert)*

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2026

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” (Mt. 25:21)

We continue to receive pledge commitments for the year 2026. If you have already submitted your pledge card. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card—or if you forgot yours at home—additional cards are available. Please ask the ushers, who will be happy to provide one. We invite you to make a pledge and support the mission and ministry of our parish.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Officiant: As the wise men brought gifts to the Christ child, we now present our offerings, following their example to share the light of Christ with the world.

OFFERTORY

This little light of mine

LEVAS HYMNAL 221

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 97

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion is offered in both kinds by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

COMMUNION

Spirit of the living God

St. Ed’s Parish, 2019

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES *Please be seated.*

THE BLESSING *All stand, if able.*

May you be salt and light to the world, that you may shine, and do good works, and give glory to God. May you join Christ's work to loose the bonds of injustice through compassion for the poor so that Christ's light may break forth like the dawn. May the Holy Spirit reveal to you what no eye has seen, nor ear, heard, nor the human heart conceived—what the Holy One has prepared for those who love God. And the blessing of our compassionate God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you an enlighten you, now and for ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN **How bright appears the morning star** John Ruch & Charlie Tighe



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Serving Today

Officiant & Preacher– Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Assisting - Kathy Ruchalski
Altar Guild – Erica Harris, Comfort Pratt
 & Denise Robinson
Psalm – Kathy Ruchalski
1st Lesson – Ruth Mannah
2nd Lesson – Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Intercessor – Ruth Mannah
Ushers –Jennifer Phillips& Pat Bush
Sound & Video –Ted Ruchalski
VPOD – Alma Hurtado

Flowers today are donated by The Pratt Sisters
Comfort, Christine & Janice in memory
of their friend Anyeline Menjor Wariebi.



Those wishing to donate flowers are asked to contact the parish office @
770-963-6128 or via email: parishadmin@stedwardsonline.org