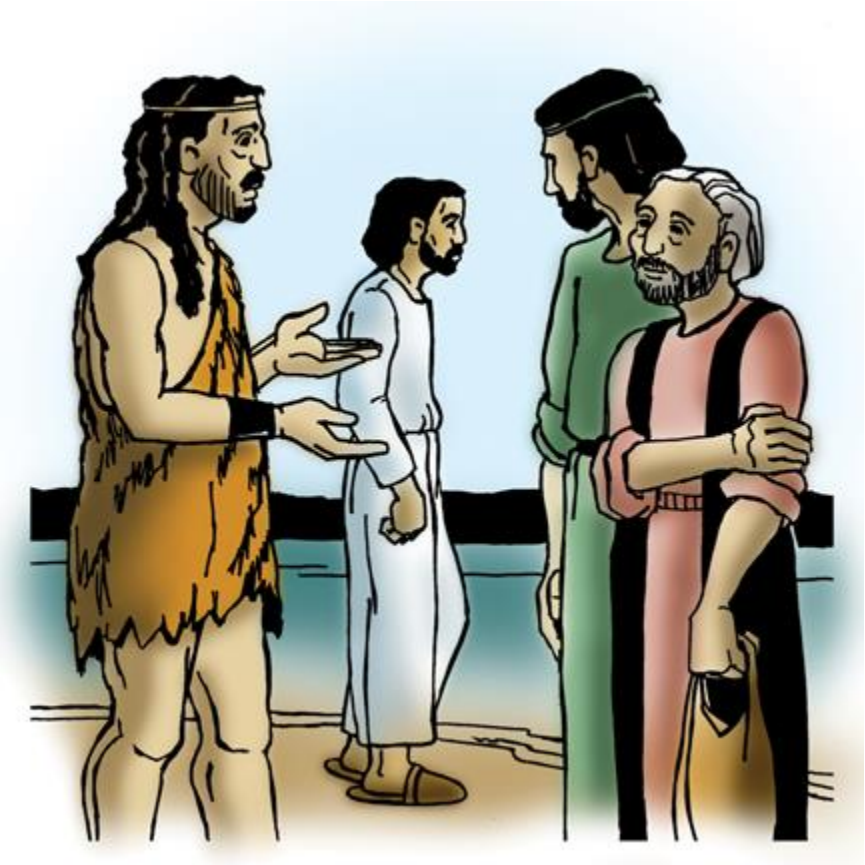
Morning Prayer II with Communion



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 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 BCP 76

Confession of sin BCP 79

Invitatory and Psalter BCP 80

Jubilate BCP 82
Antiphon: The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 148, 149, 150, *Please be seated.* BCP 805-807

The Lessons

The First Lesson *Please be seated for the lessons.* ISAIAH 49:1-7
A Lesson from the Book of Isaiah.

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."

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE CANTICLE. THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH *All stand, if able.* BCP 92

SECOND LESSON *Please be seated.* JOHN 1:29-42

A Lesson from the Gospel of John.

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).

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Fabio Sotelo

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP 96

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: Faithful and Holy One, through Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, your Holy Spirit has descended and remained among us: Let your love and faithfulness keep us safe forever. Hear us as we pray for the needs of the whole creation.

Litanist: Gracious God, you have called your Church to follow your anointed, and we have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance: Help us to extend Jesus' invitation, "Come and see," that many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in you. How great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

Eternal One, your Word goes forth to the coastlands and to peoples from far away: Guide the leaders of our nation and all in positions of power and authority that they may be instruments of your compassion and peace, helping your salvation reach to the ends of the earth. How great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

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. How great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

We give you thanks for the grace and peace that comes to us from God our Father and our Savior Jesus Christ, offering to you our grateful thanksgiving, especially for the birthday of Elijah Clarke and the anniversary of Janet Moore & Alphonsus Dalmeida (*The congregation may add their own petitions).* How great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

We wait patiently for you, O God; do not withhold your compassion from us. Let your healing power be present for those for whom we pray; set their feet upon a high cliff and make their footing sure, as we pray especially for 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).* How great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

Raise into your eternal light those who have died that they may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially Rene Nicole Good and Lucinda Johnston, sister of Jewel Ffrench (*The congregation may add their own petitions).* How great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

All: **Lord our God, see how oppression and violence are our sad inheritance, one generation to the next. We give you thanks this day for your preacher and witness, Martin Luther King Jr., Fill us with your spirit: where our human community is divided by racism, torn by repression, saddened by fear and ignorance, may we give ourselves to your work of healing. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE BCP 360

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

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 our wondrous God who formed you and called you to be a servant put a new song in your mouth and send you as a light to the nations. May you come and see Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; may you follow him and bring others into his friendship. May you be enriched by the Holy Spirit in speech and knowledge of every kind, not lacking in any spiritual gift. And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and abide in you 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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Preacher – Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Assisting – Etta Cole
Altar Guild – Erica Harris, Comfort Pratt & Denise Robinson
Psalm – Charmaine Mitchell
1st Lesson – Ruth Mannah
2nd Lesson – Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Intercessor – Ruth Mannah
Ushers – Mark Heffernan & Jennifer Phillips
Sound & Video –Mark Heffenan
VPOD – Lee Ann Sipe

The flowers today are in Celebration of the Life of Blanding Roberts.

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