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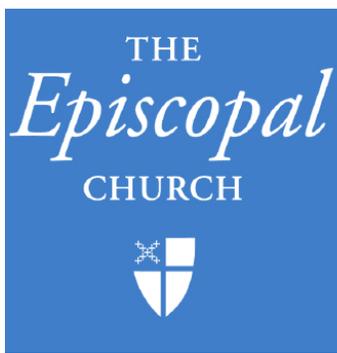
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Good morning! We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today. Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you are here for the *first time* (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982*. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (*The Gloria*) is found before hymn 1.

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Fill out a visitor card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to subscribe to our weekly church email, the *Parish Tidings*, for all the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook:
facebook.com/episcopalloudon.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *Joyful, joyful we adore thee*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Entrance Hymn
Fairest Lord Jesus

Please stand as able.
Hymnal 383

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

All **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 *(Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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 Lessons

The First Lesson: Exodus 24: 12-18

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

BCP 728

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively. (*Congregation reads the bold lines.*)

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.

Lector and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

Christ upon the mountain peak (verses 1,2 & 3)

Hymnal 129

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

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

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak (verse 4)

Hymnal 129

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

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

Common Worship

Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.

Intercessor Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word.
People Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith. Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace. Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored, praying especially for
People **Brian E., Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Ruth & Frank, Lee R., the Bailey family, the McAfee family, Diane & Cal, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C., David H., and all who are in pain or distress; and all who are suffering due to oppression, war, gun violence, or natural disasters.**

Intercessor Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life. Lord of truth,
People **hear our prayer.**

Hold a moment of silence.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory.
All **Amen.**

Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin 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

Please stand as able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

Doxology (*sung together*)

Hymnal 380, verse 3 only

**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.**

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;
People **and of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts) (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

Hymnal S-124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

Hymnal S-146

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

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

Fraction Hymn (*Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.*)

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music *Abide with me*

Hymnal 662

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable.

Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle, so that traffic flows one way. If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so.

If you prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward to the altar rail along with those receiving communion. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you prefer a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer

Common Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Hymnal 137

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings



Equip Disciples

THE 42ND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

Friday & Saturday, February 20 & 21

2026 Diocesan Convention

The 42nd annual convention of the Diocese of East Tennessee will take place Friday and Saturday, February 20 & 21, with the Eucharist taking place at Church of the Ascension and the business session taking place at the Episcopal School of Knoxville.

Learn more about diocesan convention at www.diocesekonvention.org.

Book Conversation with Stephanie Spellers March 9 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral

Bishop Brian Cole and St. John's Cathedral host this inspiring gathering with the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, whose new book—*Church Tomorrow?: What the 'Nones' and 'Dones' Teach Us About the Future of Faith*—wrestles with the decline of traditional religion and the voices of nonreligious Millennials and Gen Zs.

Spellers traveled America to ask young 'Nones' and 'Dones': Why are they saying "no" to church? Where are they experiencing the sacred and belonging? What would they tell churches? And where do we go from here? If you're wondering about church tomorrow, let's listen today.

Our parish prayer list

Brian E., Vicky & Dave, Carolyn, Ruth & Frank, Lee R., the Bailey family, the McAfee family, Diane & Cal, Jim, Tom, Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie C., David H.

Continuing prayers for

Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.; the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane; Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

Pray for our vestry leaders

Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;
Treasurer: Sally Leonhard

February Birthdays

Rosemary Kitts February 3
Trish Dooner February 8
Anne Wegener February 9
Elizabeth Botica February 10
Dianna Stimpson February 11
Jean Cardwell February 12
Tom Russell February 22
Mark Blakley February 24
Andrew Wilkinson February 24
Andy Hadjian February 28
Bill Perry February 29

February Anniversaries

Jerry & Erlys Ploeger February 8
John & Janet Cardwell February 9
Jeff Lewis & Trish Dooner February 14

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

Feb. 15	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Holly Pate	Mark Smith	Altar Guild	Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Jack Lefler	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild	Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Peggy Rogers	Jackie Buttinelli	Accompanist	Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Monty Ross & Jan Hanna		
Coffee Hour	Rosemary Kitts	Betsy Schwindt	Celebrant/Preacher	Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Monty Ross	Offering Counters	Alice Anderson
Chancellor	Carl Bye	Jenny Lucas		& Bill Schwindt

NEXT WEEK

Feb. 22	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild	Judy Egan & Janey Coombes
Euch. Minister	Holly Pate	Monty Ross	Flower Guild	Lent/no flowers
Lector	Pam McAfee	Keytha Graves	Accompanist	Kate Lee
Ushers	Carl Bye	Andy Hadjian & David Baumgardner		
Coffee Hour	Erllys Ploeger	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Celebrant/Preacher	Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bill Schwindt	Offering Counters	Andy Hadjian
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	Betsy Schwindt		& Nelda Griffith

This week at Resurrection

Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, spoken
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, choral

Monday, February 16

12:00 p.m. Companions group

Tuesday, February 17

1:00 p.m. Education for Ministry group
5:00 p.m. Fat Tuesday Feast

Wednesday, February 18

12 p.m., Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist
with imposition of ashes

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, spoken
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, choral

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Tuesday, February 17

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras dinner, 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

12 noon, Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist
with imposition of ashes

Friday, February 20 & Saturday, February 21

Diocesan Convention

Saturday, February 21

Men's Group, 9 a.m., Parish Hall

Sunday, February 22

Four Paws Sunday (pet food/supply ministry)

To contact our priest, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges,
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or call the church at (865) 986-2390.

Urgent pastoral needs after hours: (865) 242-9240.

Visual Commentary on Scripture

Theophanes the Greek and Workshop *The Transfiguration*, Early 15th century, Tempera on wood. From the Cathedral of Transfiguration in Pereslavl, Russia; now on display in the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia.

The Transfiguration is an extraordinary event in the course of Jesus's ministry, which is recounted in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the so-called Synoptic Gospels, with very small variations. It's a moment when Jesus and three of his disciples go to the top of a mountain and suddenly his clothes, and in one case, according to Matthew, his face as well, are flooded with light, or he radiates light through his clothes and his body. And two prophets from the past, from the Old Testament, appear with him, Elijah and Moses, one on each side, and he talks to them in a cloud of glory.

One evocative depiction of the Transfiguration is a very famous Byzantine icon, attributed to an artist called Theophanes the Greek. As his name suggests, he was Greek, but he was born in Constantinople, which of course was then the capital of the Byzantine empire, and then he goes off and works in Russia.

This icon was created for a cathedral dedicated to the Transfiguration, and it's absolutely extraordinary. The way the figure of Jesus is represented is he is floating actually not on the top of the mountain, as he's described in the Gospels, but above and in front of them. And he's superimposed, in a way, on a series of arrow-like vectors, a kind of six-pointed star. And that six-pointed star in turn is superimposed on a series of concentric circles, all of these executed in white and gold, so he's sort of hovering, almost three dimensionally, off this gold background.

The geometric shapes are trying to capture something of the unnaturalness of this light. Or the fact that this is actually a heavenly light. It's often described in theological tradition as 'uncreated' light, so not the kind of light you would see from the sun and the moon and the stars, but something different that comes, as it were, from the divinity of Christ himself and is bursting out.

And actually that is the role of the icon itself. It is a kind of mediating image, isn't it, between one world and the other? A window onto heaven, almost.

Commentary source

Jennifer Sliwka and Ben Quash. 2021. 'The Transfiguration,' in *The Visual Commentary on Scripture* edited by Ben Quash. (London: The Visual Commentary on Scripture Foundation). [Accessed 29.1.2026] <https://thevcs.org/transfiguration#transfiguration>
Or view their conversation at: <https://youtu.be/F07tylUtTjk?si=vhZRe8WcfETE7bI9>