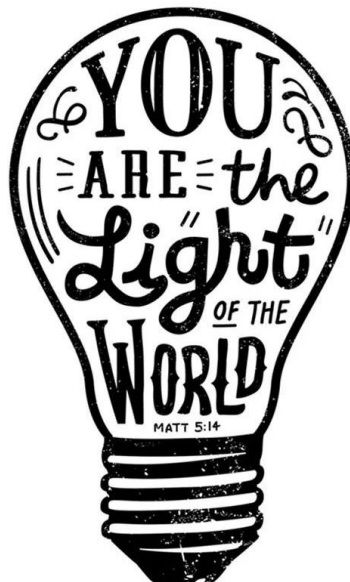


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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

***Prelude** O Morning Light, How Fair and Bright Robert Hobby

***Hymn in Procession #7** Christ, whose glory fills the skies Ratisbon

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

A Song of Praise: Canticle 13 Glory to God 8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.



Give thanks to the Lord who cares for the low—ly.

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. [ANTIPHON]
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the

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

Slane

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse “Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, *
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 5:13-20

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.”

Clergy	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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

Please stand or kneel

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers for the church and the world.

A brief silence

Radiant God, shine on your church and shower us with the gift of grace, so that we may bring to all peoples the good news of the boundless riches of Christ.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

Radiant God, kindle in the hearts of world leaders a desire for justice and righteousness, so that they may defend the cause of the poor and seek economic prosperity for all.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for those who labor in the night. We give thanks for the work of all caregivers, health care professionals, fire fighters, police officers, emergency dispatchers, snow-plough drivers, and all who serve while we sleep. Let us never forget that our common life together is built on the service of others.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

Radiant God, through the revelation of your Son we stand before you without fear and lift up to you all in need.

The names of those for whom prayers are intended may be offered aloud or silently.

We ask you to hear the prayers we offer in Jesus' name, including those listed on our prayer list, and answer them in your good way, according to your steadfast love.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

We pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

The Celebrant may add a concluding prayer.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

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 Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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*Offertory Anthem

A Spotless Rose

Tom Shelton

*A spotless Rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight,
A spotless Rose unfolds.*

*The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing,
In Mary, purest Maid;
For, through our God's great love and might,
And in the dark midnight,
Amid the winter cold,
The blessed Babe she bare.*

annon: 14th Century

*The Doxology

Hymnal #380, vs 3

**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.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.



The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar; God of Isaac and Rebecca; God of Jacob, Rachael and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

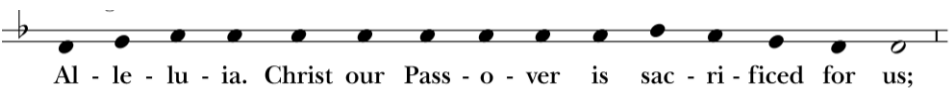
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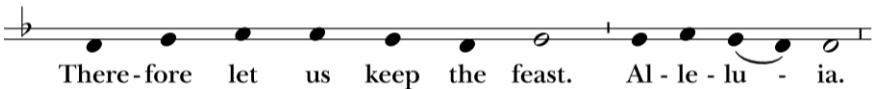
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion** Here O my Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (*Penitencia*) Daniel Burton

***Communion Anthem** We Are All Children of the Lord Natalie Sleeth
Junior Choir

We are all children of the Lord, young and old, big and little.	Many names, many faces, many lands, many places,	We are all children of the Lord, one by one, all together.
We are all children of the Lord, let us live in harmony!	but through time and through spaces we are one humanity.	We are all children of the Lord, just like one big family.

***Communion Hymn #318** Here O my Lord, I see thee face to face Nyack

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

The Blessing

***Closing Hymn #381** Thy strong word did cleave the darkness *Ton-y-Botel*

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

***The Voluntary** Thy Strong Word (*Ton-y-Botel*) *Paul Manz*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: John Beasley

L.E.M.: Eric Fohl

Ushers: Mitch Hillard

10:00 am

Crucifer: Adrianne Caggiano

Lectors: Eric Dietz, Beth Batastini,

Brad Hodgins

L.E.M.: Mark Hoyer

Ushers: Randy Kurie & Pauline Josephs

Joining us in worship & fellowship on February 2, 2026

8:00 am: 34

10:00 am: 107

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: John, Amy, Linda, Joyce, Laura, Adam, Ryan, Lindsay, Ellie, Herder, Edgar, Daryl, Ruth, Ishi and Chandler

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Violette Wehrli, Rachel Genung, Barbara Wortmann, Brian Szelesta, Nicole Hoffman, Norm Beatty, Megan Nannery, Robert Cusick, Steven Bischoff and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Jill & Frederick Pierson on their anniversary.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

Announcements & Events



Annual Meeting of the Parish Next Sunday, February 15 9:00 am in Holley Hall

Join us **next Sunday** for the annual meeting of the parish as we reflect on the year that has past and look with joy to the possibilities God has in store for us in 2026!

The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 am in Holley Hall.

All are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend.

Thank you to those who have offered to stand for election to parish leadership this year:

Warden (two-year term)

MaryAnn Risley (3rd Term)

Vestry (three-year term)

Cecelia Clayton (1st Term)

Sarah Jaqueth (2nd Term)

Mike Ragsdale (1st Term)

Diana Riker (1st Term)

Danise Tellefsen (2nd Term)

Vestry (one-year term)

Mark Dubel

Convention Delegates

Mark Hoyer

Nick Orichio

Luz Quintero

Alternate Delegates

Geri Livengood

MaryAnn Risley

Christ Episcopal Church
2026 Women's Retreat

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING

*Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19*

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