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EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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**Readings:**

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

**Hymns (Blue Hymnal):**

Processional: #543 "O Zion, Tune They Voice"

Sequence: #126 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"

Communion: #505 "O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God", #629 "We Limit not the Truth of God to our Poor Reach of Mind" #540 "Awake, Thou Spirit of the Watchmen"

Recessional: #419 "Lord of all Being, Throned Afar"

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## The Word of God

*[As you enter the church this morning please take an opportunity to prepare your heart through prayer.]*

*The people stand. At 8:00 and 10:00 **Hymn #543** (Blue Hymnal) is sung*

*[The people standing:]*

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

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

**Celebrant and People:** 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.

*[At 8:00 we say the following:]*

### **The Song of Simeon**

*Nunc dimittis, Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***  
**to go in peace as you have promised;**  
**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***  
**and the glory of your people Israel.**

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

## 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 people sit.]*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

**Reader:** A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

*Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-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.]

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



*1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]*

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 depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

*[All stand]*

*At 10:00 Hymn #126 is sung.*

*[Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:]*

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."

*[After the Gospel, the Reader says]*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

*[We respond to the sermon by standing and proclaiming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. This statement of faith has been a part of the church since 325AD.]*

*[The Deacon or Celebrant bids the proclamation of 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:**

*[Deacon or other leader:]*

Drawn like the Magi to the light of Christ, let us pray to our Lord, asking him to mercifully hear our prayers.

Gracious Lord, we pray for all Christians throughout the world, that all might worship you in ways that are pleasing to you. Use us in your Church's mission, that your Kingdom might be made manifest here on earth.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, guide our nation and all the nations of the world into greater unity and trust. We pray for our President, Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they might govern with justice and wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, creator of the heavens and the earth, teach us to be responsible and faithful stewards of this world that you have given us to be our home.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, teach us to love one another as you have loved us. We pray for the Christians in the Holy Land, and for all who suffer from warfare and violence. Protect those who serve in our military and grant that their actions may help bring peace.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for our community, and especially for those in need. We ask for your loving presence with those who have suffered from fires and other natural disasters. Bless and guide those who minister to the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the lonely, and the troubled.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Most merciful God, bring healing to the hearts, minds and souls of those who suffer illness or other difficulties. We pray for those on our Emmanuel Prayer List and on the Daughters of the King prayer list, and for those we name aloud or in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

Eternal God, we pray for those who have died. Receive them into the arms of your mercy and comfort those who mourn.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*[The Deacon or Celebrant says:]*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*[Silence may be kept.]*

*[All together:]*

**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.****

**Priest:** 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.**

*[All stand]*

## **The Peace**

*[In the Confession of Sin we are reconciled with God and that relationship is made right. The Peace is designed to flow out of that forgiven state and is to be a time in which we are reconciled to one another before we move into Communion (see Matthew 5:23-24).]*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, followed by announcements and celebration of birthdays and anniversaries.*

## The Holy Communion

*[During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.]*

### The Doxology

*The Doxology is sung:*

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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

*[The people remain standing.]*

**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 him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we (say) sing,

*[At 8:00 these words are spoken:]*

**Celebrant and People:** 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.

*[At 10:00 these words are sung:]*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might\_\_\_\_\_ hea-venand earth are full\_\_\_\_\_  
full\_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*[The people stand or kneel as able.]*

**Celebrant:** We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*[At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.]*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***[Celebrant and People:]***

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*[The Celebrant continues:]*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

*[Celebrant and people:]*

**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 bread, at 8:00 we say,*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

**People:** And we have beheld his glory, the glory as of the only Son of God,  
**Alleluia!**

*At 10:00 we sing,*

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the All, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia." The second staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,". The third staff is for the All, with the lyrics "And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only Son of God." Below the third staff, it says "All Repeat Alleluias".

**Celebrant:** 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.

*[All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion]*

*[At 8:00 and 10:00 Hymns #505, #629, #540]*

## The Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant and 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.***

**Celebrant:** 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.**

*[All stand:]*

**Hymn #419**

**The Dismissal**

**Deacon/Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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