



ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
HELENA, MONTANA

THE RT. REV. MARTY STEBBINS, BISHOP
THE VERY REV. KENDRA WILDE, DEAN

THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026
9:00AM AND LIVESTREAMED

WELCOME, ALL

We're grateful you're here. If you have worshiped at St. Peter's for years or if today is your first time, we hope you find spiritual richness in this holy space. Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever you bring, you are welcome at Christ's table and at St. Peter's Cathedral.

If you have a prayer request or would like a visit from clergy, please complete a "Welcome" card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher as you leave.

Please join us downstairs after worship with friends old and new for Flipper Sunday—if you can, offer a donation for our Social Concerns ministries—enjoy pancakes and the works!



"Emptiness."

Albert Gyorgy. Geneva, Switzerland. 1930s.
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**The People's responses
are printed in boldface.**

**Hymns not included in the leaflet
are found in the latter portion of
the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew
racks (after the "S" section)**

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electronic devices.*

*We draw our liturgy from a variety of
approved resources. Please see endnotes
for sources and permission*

Today's Ministers:

Presider and Preacher: The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

Acolyte: Joel Robison

Lectors: Vera Towery

Audrey Towery

Eucharistic Minister: Larry Nielsen

Eucharistic Visitors: Jennie Ekwortzel

Donna Church

Ushers: Sara Medley

Sharron Moran

Organ: John Goodwin

St. Peter's Choir:

Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

THE PRELUDE, Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

HYMN, Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Tune: *Liebster Jesu*

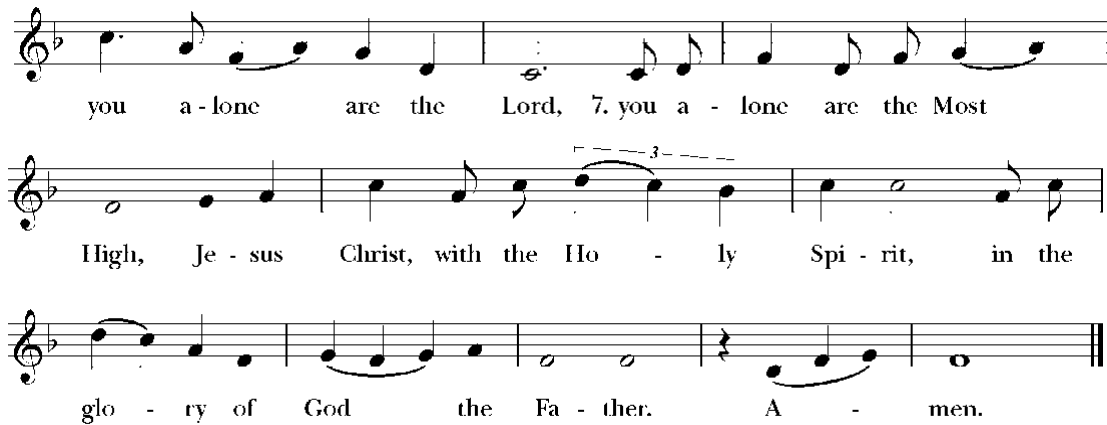
THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

HYMN OF PRAISE, Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 15 *(Leader and people alternate by whole verse)*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from their heart.**

There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to their friend; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
but they honor those who stand in awe of the Lord.**

They have sworn to do no wrong *
and do not take back their word.

**They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

The old, rugged cross

Tune: *The old, rugged cross*

On a hill far a way stood an old rug-ged cross,
In the old rug-ged cross stained with blood so di - vine;

the ___ em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
a won - drous at - trac - tion I see;

And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
to ___ par - don, and sanc - ti - fy me. ___

[turn page for refrain]

old rug - ged cross _____

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

'til my tro - phies at last I lay down;

old rug - ged cross _____

I will cling to the cross, _ the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown. _____

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

The People sit

SERMON

The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

Please stand, as able

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Hear us, O Lord.

Silence

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen.

Hear us, O Lord.

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the integrity of glaciers and ice caps, and for all lives affected by rising ocean levels and temperatures.

Hear us, O Lord.

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human dignity. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth.

Hear us, O Lord.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way (*especially those we name aloud or in our hearts*)

Hear us, O Lord.

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others.

Hear us, O Lord.

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you and who are now citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hear us, O Lord.

The Presider offers a concluding Collect

Surprising God, shaming the strong through the weakness of love; turning upside down the wisdom of the world; may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

The People may kneel as able

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION AND THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may show one another a sign of Christ's peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory sentence

OFFERTORY HYMN, HYMN 574 *Before thy throne, O God we kneel* Tune: St. Petersburg

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, because of 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

The People may stand, kneel, or sit, as able.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence

Alleluia. We who are many are one body;
Because we share one bread and one cup. Alleluia.

The invitation to communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying “Amen.” ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements or alcohol-free wine. ■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■

ORGAN INTERLUDE

COMMUNION HYMNS

Remaining seated, all may sing

Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Tune: Dickinson College

Hymn 554 (Sung twice)

‘Tis the gift to be simple

Tune: Simple gifts

On behalf of those participating remotely, the Presider offers a prayer for Spiritual Communion.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The people may stand or kneel.

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Donna and Jennie bearing these holy gifts, that Mike and Steve Mattross may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your

THE PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

We thank you, O God, for consecrating the marriage of N. and N. in Christ’s Name and presence. Lead them in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity. Strengthen them all

peace which passes understanding abide
all the days of their lives; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

their days, and bring them to that holy
table where, with those we love, we will
feast for ever in our heavenly home;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Tune: *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN, Hymn 556 (Stanzas 1-4 only) *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* Tune: *Marion*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE, *To a wild rose* by Edward MacDowell (1860-1908) John Goodwin, Piano

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Next Sunday's Ministers (Feb. 8, 2026):

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Robin Biffle
Acolyte: Peter Jaynes and William Jaynes
Lectors: Bill Shropshire and Ruth Ann Shuler
Eucharistic Minister: Nick Jaynes
Eucharistic Visitors: Jennie Ekwortzel; Robin Ericksen;
Barb and Manny Hoag; and Maggie Stockwell
Ushers: Sam Gilbert and Donna Lloyd
Organ: John Goodwin

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