

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



The Gathering of God's People

*****Bells ring announcing the beginning of worship*****

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord.

Before worship, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing

LEVAS #1

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over away that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

The Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

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.*

Song of Praise

God Is So Good

1 God is so good. God is so good.
God is so good. He's so good to me.

2 Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord.
Jesus is Lord. He's so good to me.

3 I'll sing His praise. I'll sing His praise.
I'll sing His praise. He's so good to me.

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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

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.]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

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.

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.

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.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

[10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

The Second Reading

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.]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Speak Lord, I'm Listening*

Chorus: Speak Lord, I'm listening; plant your word down deep in me.
Speak Lord, I'm listening; please show me the way.

1 Sometimes my heart is slow to follow you; teach me to hear and understand.
And I'm told the things you promise, and I hope they all come true.
And I know what waits for those who wait, and put their trust in you. (*chorus*)

2 Sometimes I stumble on my way to you; stretch out again your healing hand.
And I'm told the things you promise, and I hope they all come true.
And I know what waits for those who wait, and put their trust in you (*chorus*)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

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.”

*To end, the Deacon says
People*

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ed Henley

After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.

The Nicene Creed (*in unison*)

BCP, 358

**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 (*Sung*)

O Lord, our God, we lift up our hearts to You.
O Lord, our God, your people rejoice in You.

God of the living, God of all people,
Lord of all life, we lift up our hearts to You.

In peace we pray to You, Lord God, who hears our prayers:
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers...

For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and those who are alone, we pray today.
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For this community, Lord, our nation,
and our world, we pray today.
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all victims of hunger, fear,
and injustice, we pray today.
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all who proclaim the gospel,
and all who seek the truth, we pray today.
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all who have died, may they rest within your care eternally,
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

And now we give You thanks for Your presence in our lives,
O Lord, our God. Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, 360

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

Deacon 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.**

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.

The Peace

Celebrant

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.

Offertory Anthem

I Surrender All

-SJHOP Choir

Presentation Hymn

Walk in love as Christ loved us
And gave himself for us.
An offering and sacrifice to God. *(Repeat)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP, 367

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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.

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;**

The Celebrant continues

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

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.

The Celebrant invites the People to Communion, in these or similar words

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.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those unable to worship with us in person

(if you are watching the live stream, please feel free to say this prayer during the sharing of Communion)

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you
above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and
unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymns

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

LEVAS #111

1 Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, O fix me on it.
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Surely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to save my soul from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 O, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above.

Behold The Lamb

Behold the lamb, behold the lamb...
Slain from the foundation of the world
For sinners, crucified mostly Holy sacrifice

Behold! The Lamb of God,
Behold! The Lamb!

Behold the lamb, behold the lamb.
Slain from the foundation of the world
For sinners, crucified mostly Holy sacrifice

Behold! The Lamb of God.
Behold! The Lamb of God.
Behold! The Lamb of God.
Behold! The Lamb!

After Communion, the Celebrant says 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.

The Blessing (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.)

All are seated for announcements

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

Refrain:

*We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in His holy word, he's never failed me yet.
O, o-o O, o-o O, can't turn around.
We've come this far by faith. (repeat at beginning)*

1 Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life.
God'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.
That's why *(Refrain)*

2 Just the other day I heard a man say he didn't believe in God's word.
But I can truly say that God has made a way, and She's never failed me yet!
That's why *(Refrain)*

Ending:

*O, o-o O, o-o O, can't turn around.
We've come this far by Faith!*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Remember In Your Prayers for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo

Denise Andretta

Margaret Booth

Jacquelyn Brown Reeder

Delores Thomas

Stella Jacob

Warren Nunn

Roderick James

Yvonne Thomas

Victor Ferguson

Patricia Bastille Cisek

Denise Moore Contreras

Linda Ruescher

Javaris Smith

Lydia Williams

Olivia Whittiker

Clare Kennedy

Dorothy Batson

Ruby Lockhart

Ernest Reese

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Errol Kirk

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Michael Carter

Anna Valdes

Gina Norris

Eleanor Solomon

Deborah Blanchett

Virginia McKinney

Denise Morris

Joan Dublin Paul

Gene Samuel

Cayden Pinnock

Lawrence Sibilly

Virginia Nodhturft

Give thanks for...

Birthdays this week: Jacqueline Grant (2/12), Judith Taylor-Young (2/13)

Anniversaries: none this week

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Ed Henley

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell

Musicians

Julius James and SJHOP Choir

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