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THE DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday after Epiphany

January 11th in the year of our Lord 2026

WELCOME!

To all of you who are loved by God and called to be saints,
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Christ is risen! *The Lord is Risen indeed!*

Blessed be God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom now and forever!

ABOUT US

Christ the King Anglican Fellowship
is a mission work of the Reformed Episcopal Church.
Having received the Christian faith and ministry from the Apostles
through an English and Reformational heritage,
we are committed to making disciples for Jesus Christ in the Anglican Way,
by continuing in the apostles teaching, the fellowship,
the breaking of bread, and the prayers entrusted to us.
We value biblical-orthodoxy, reformed-catholicity, and gospel-centered ministry;
and we aim to gather, encourage and equip Christ-followers
to Proclaim Christ and to Pursue God's Kingdom.

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Based on the 1662 and 1928 Liturgy for Holy Communion as found in the Reformed Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer, 2005

Opening Salutation, Acclamations & Welcome

To all of you who are loved by God and called to be saints, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!
*From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles;
and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering;
for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 1:11)*
Blessed be God (+) the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom now and forever!*

Minister: The Lord be with you

Answer: ***And with thy spirit***

Minister: Let us pray

[The congregation is invited to kneel or to be seated for prayer and the reading of the law]

The Collect for Purity.....REC Book of Common Prayer page 85 ↓

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law, with Congregational Prayers of Response

The Decalogue; REC BCP page 86-87

GOD spake these words, and said: I am the LORD thy God [which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.] Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: In it thou shalt not do any work;

thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid- servant, nor thy cattle,
nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

HONOUR thy father and thy mother:

that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THOU shalt not covet

thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant,
nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Summary of the LawREC BCP page 87

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Minister. Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Collects of the Day

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson – Proverbs 8

8 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
² She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
³ She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
⁴ Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.
⁵ O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
⁶ Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.
⁷ For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
⁸ All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.
⁹ They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
¹⁰ Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
¹¹ For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
¹² I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
¹³ The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
¹⁴ Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.
¹⁵ By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
¹⁶ By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
¹⁷ I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.
¹⁸ Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.
¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.
²⁰ I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:
²¹ That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
²² The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
²³ I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.
²⁴ When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
²⁶ While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
²⁷ When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
²⁸ When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
²⁹ When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
³⁰ Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;
³¹ Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.
³² Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.
³³ Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.
³⁴ Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.
³⁵ For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.
³⁶ But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

After each Lesson the minister shall say
Here endeth the First Lesson.

Or he may say: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 92. *Bonum est confiteri.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, * and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;
 2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, * and of thy truth in the night season;
 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; * upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
 4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works; * and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.
 5 O LORD, how glorious are thy works! * thy thoughts are very deep.
 6 An unwise man doth not well consider this, * and a fool doth not understand it.
 7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish, * then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, LORD, art the Most Highest for evermore.
 8 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, lo, thine enemies shall perish; * and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.
 9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of a unicorn; * for I am anointed with fresh oil.
 10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies, * and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.
 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.
 12 Such as are planted in the house of the LORD, * shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.
 13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, * and shall be fat and well-liking;
 14 That they may show how true the LORD my strength is, * and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Minister: GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle Lesson

The Epistle. Romans 12:1-5

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

After each Lesson the minister shall say
 Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Or he may say: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading (+++)

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

In response to the announcement of the Gospel shall be said,

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel. St. Luke 2:41-52

NOW his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

And after the Gospel, the Minister shall say, The Gospel of the Lord, the people then responding, Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed.....Book of Common Prayer (REC) page 89

**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
 Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made:
 Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man,
 And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
 And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
 Whose kingdom shall have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life,
 Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son*,
 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe one holy Catholic** and Apostolic Church.
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
 And I look for the Resurrection (+) of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

• *The Nicene Creed as written in the 4th century A.D. referred to the Holy Spirit as proceeding from the Father; and in the 6th century A.D. during the Arian controversy, the Latin/Western Church added the filioque clause (i.e. "and the Son") to support the doctrine of Christ's divinity. It is not the intent of the amended Creed to imply a dual origination of the Holy Spirit, but rather the participation of the Son in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

• ** The word "Catholic" in the creed means "universal".

The Sermon

Offertory SentencesBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 90-92

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Hebrews 13:16*

The Collection of the Offering and Communion Preparation

The Dedication of the OfferingBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 92

ALL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own
have we given thee. *Amen.* *1 Chronicles 29:14*

An Invitation to the Lord's TableBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 105

All who have been baptized into Christ are invited to the Lord's Table today.
Before we partake, let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

[The congregation is invited to kneel or to be seated for prayers.]

Intercessory Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church.....BCP (REC) page 105-106 ↓

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity -- And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Invitation & ExhortationBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 107

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways;
Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

A General ConfessionBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 107 ↓

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men;
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness / Absolution ...Book of Common Prayer (REC) page 108 ↓

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him;
Have mercy upon you; pardon (+) and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words / Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.
COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (Mt 11:28)
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)
Hear also what Saint Paul saith.
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1T 1:15)
Hear also what Saint John saith.
If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. (1 Jn 2:1,2)

[The congregation is invited to stand]

The Sursum Corda and SanctusBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 109 ↑

Minister. Lift up your hearts.
Congregation. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Congregation. **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then shall the Minister turn to the holy Table, and say,

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God;
THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness into his own glorious light.
Therefore with Angels, etc.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, --

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

[The congregation is invited to be seated (or may kneel), for the Communion prayers]

Communion PrayersREC BCP page 111-113 ↓

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, ...

The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Prayer of Humble AccessBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 114

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The Distribution

Communicants are invited to come forward to receive bread, and then to move to the communion rail to offer thanks unto God, consume the bread and then to receive wine from the chalice. Alternately, to receive the wine, you may dip the bread into the intinction cup found the middle of the bread tray.

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.
THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The Post-Communion PrayerBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 115

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

[The congregation is invited to stand]

Gloria In Excelsis



GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

BlessingBook of Common Prayer (REC) page 116

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, (+) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

Information and Announcements

- We are glad you joined us today. Our Sanctuary space is reserved for worship and prayer, and we have restrooms, nursery and fellowship spaces available for your use in the activities building next door. Note that all children are invited to participate fully and reverently in our Service under the supervision of parents.

Giving Opportunities

1. Food contributions for Food Bank are collected at church each Sunday
2. Tax deductible contribution checks for Christ the King Anglican Fellowship can be written to "REC 100" with "Christ the King Covington" in the memo line, and placed in the offering plate or sent to REC100 c/o Church of the Holy Communion, 17405 Muirfield Dr. Dallas, TX 75287; or you can give online by following links on our website.



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