



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 15, 2026 + 10:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession

Hymn 137

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria

Hymn S-280

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99

BCP 728

The Second Lesson:

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Sequence

Hymn 126

The Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright

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As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Homily	Rev. Mark Lafler
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, Form 3	BCP 387
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	Choir
Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymn S-130
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S-161
The Communion	

All Christians who have been baptized and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Communion Hymn	Choir
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
The Procession into the World	Hymn 129
Dismissal	BCP 366

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The Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 15, 2026+ 8:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Hymn 460

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The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

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BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

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The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession of Sin	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332
Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
The Doxology	Hymn 380, vs. 3
Eucharistic Prayer 1	BCP 333
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Communion	

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Healing Prayers	
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	
The Procession into the World	Hymn 427
Dismissal	BCP 340

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is the Wisdom Literature?

The wisdom literature of the OT consists of the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth). Among the books of the Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus (The Wisdom of Jesus the son of Sirach) and the Wisdom of Solomon also belong to this wisdom category. In contrast to other parts of the OT, such as the Pentateuch and the former and latter prophets, which stress God's initiative in revealing the divine nature and will for his people, Israel's earliest wisdom literature stressed the human search for order in society and nature.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ACOLYTE MEETING

today following both services.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER sponsored by our Youth Group is Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:00 pm

VESTRY MEETING will be held at 6:30 pm, February 17th in the Library. Pick up your packets in the narthex.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY will be offered at 8:00 am; 12:15 pm and 6:00 pm on February 18th.

LAKE CARES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER DAY is this Friday the 20th and Friday the 27th. There are only 10 spots available on each day (First come, first serve). We will meet at Lake Cares Food Pantry on that Friday at 9 am and aim to serve until 12:15. Please sign up in the Narthex.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Vestry Installation at both services
LEM & Acolyte Meeting at both services
EYC -12:00 noon
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm

Tuesday Reading with the Rector-11:30 am
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner-6:00 pm
Vestry Meeting-6:30 pm

Wednesday Ash Wednesday Liturgy-8:00 am
Women's Caring & Sharing-10:00 am
Eucharist @ Waterman Village-11:00 am
Pre School Chapel will not be held
Ash Wednesday Liturgy-12:15 pm
Ash Wednesday Liturgy-6:00 pm

Thursday Choir-5:00 pm

Friday Lake Cares Volunteer Day

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Gloria Vest 02/15 Arlene Shoemaker 02/16
Dottie Harkless 02/17

ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Robert & Kathie Anderson 02/15/1987
Robert & Angela Ennis 02/15/2003
James & Carol Gourgues 02/17/2024
Steven & Michelle Pillow 02/21/1981
Greg & Christ Swim 02/21/1986

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Ted Pierpoint 02/15 Kenneth Neeper 02/15
Melba Childs 02/16 Raymond Haff 02/17
Jack Burr 02/18 Lillian Cleveland 02/18
Elmira Russell 02/20 Maxine Jacobson 02/21

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Janet M. Lorraine M. Corey B.
Greg S. Joe W. Ambrosio K. Carole M.
Luanne W. Ellen Susan M. Deborah B.
Karyl L.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon Mary Hyland Laura Cain
Trevor Orr Steve Husted Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley Zack Ryan

CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Haines City
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Inverness
For our parish members Peter and Lisa Caravette

SERVING TODAY

8:00 AM

First Reading Chloe Hatcher
Second Reading Tom Felcher
LEM 1 Tom Felcher
LEM 2 Chloe Hatcher
Ushers Pam Bow
Patti Conrader

10:00 AM

Gary Swedberg
Joe Welch
Marilyn Minchey
Randall Sluder
James Cartlidge
Catherine Bayer

Acolytes Mandie, Andrew, Seth

Deacon Deacon Mickey Deacon Dan

Altar Guild Patti Conrader

Flower Guild Sandy Betlach

Screens Walter Burkhalter Michael Viel

Video Amanda Burkhalter

Postulant Dennis Hartenstein

Music Libby Sellers St. Edward's Choir

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb

Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler

Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell

Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden Leah Felcher Margaret Dohnalek

Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden James Cartlidge Michael Viel

Gaines Campbell Fred Fitte Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer

Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch

Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter

Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King

Preschool Director: Heather Fortson

Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers

Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell

Nursery Director: Cathy Love

Steward: Walter Burkhalter