



St. Bernard's Episcopal Church St. John on the Mountain

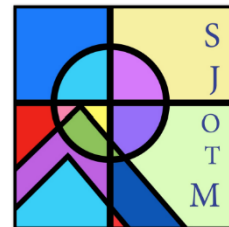
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist Rite II

Thank you for sharing in our worship today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.



PRELUDE

CHOIR INTROIT

Epiphany Alleluias

John Weaver

The assembly stands as able to sing the hymn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 427

When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domine

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

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

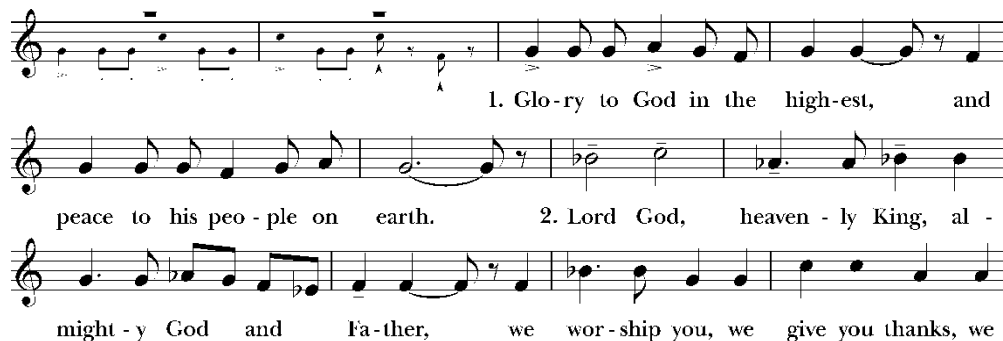
Assembly **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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.**

GLORIA S 278

William Mathias



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, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 239

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider 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 assembly is seated for the lessons

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12

Julia Somers

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-10 sung by the choir with congregational antiphon St. Martin's Psalter, Thomas Pavlechko



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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Tina Johnson

Lector A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – *Children (and parents) are welcome to come forward for a brief story*

The assembly stands as able for the hymn and Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

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| <p>1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.</p> | <p>2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.</p> |
| <p>3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.</p> | <p>4 May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.</p> |
| <p>5 Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day: Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.</p> | |

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

| <i>New Revised Standard Version</i> | <i>The Message translation</i> |
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| <p>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</p> | <p>Jesus said, "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures – either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at</p> |

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| 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." | your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working. Trivialize even the smallest item in God's Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won't know the first thing about entering the kingdom." |
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Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

The assembly stands as able for the Creed and Prayers of the People

NICENE CREED

BCP pp. 358-359

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 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 *led by Jane Rauen*

Form V, BCP pp. 389-391

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Sally our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For people who are poor, persecuted, sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our parishes, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all on our parish Prayer Lists (*read names*), we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Peter Orr, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Assembly **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Deacon adds a Collect, or the following Doxology For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

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.

Presider May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Servant Song

arr. Tyler Weakland

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 stanza 3 The Doxology

Old 100th

**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*, BCP p. 372

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider 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.... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

** Eucharistic Prayer D is the work of an unofficial ecumenical committee of Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist scholars. The source is from the liturgy of St. Basil of Caesarea.*

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 125

Richard Proulx

**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.

Presider 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..... 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.

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

Presider 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.... 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

Presider 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 is kept.

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Optional for those at home:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Diocese of Oxford, England)

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you

and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,

that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God be in my head

John Rutter

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

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.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ's bright star enlighten your mind and heart as you strive for equity, justice and kindness in the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you today and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

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| <p>1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!</p> | <p>2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.</p> |
| <p>3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.</p> | <p>4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.</p> |
| <p>5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!</p> | <p>6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.</p> |

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Assembly **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Assisting today at ST. BERNARD'S

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| <i>Presider</i> | The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino |
| <i>Deacon</i> | The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon |
| <i>Lectors</i> | Julia Somers, Tina Johnson, Jane Rauen |
| <i>Chalicer</i> | Denise Thomas |
| <i>Director of Music</i> | Tyler Weakland |
| <i>Combined choir: St. Bernard's & St. John on the Mountain</i> | |
| <i>Usher</i> | Pamela Farley, Sue Kennedy |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Valerie McEntee, Betsy Klausing |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i> | Souper Bowl Sunday youth fundraiser for Food Bank Network of Somerset County, June Curtis |

St. Bernard's Prayer List *Peter Ernster, Virginia Brooks, Sheri Whaley, Ed Treich Jr., the Jenkins Family, Clarke, Martha, Marion Hall, William Alan Ernst, Walt Hill, Sally and Paddy, Pat Bowden, Hanna Eby, Charlie Purrier, Jeff Ross, Mark Mayhew, Alexandra, Beth Procassini, Magdalena Reilly Zielinskie, Scott, Ryan Ball, Richard and Karen Johnson, Nick, Annie Morgan, Jack Morra, Julie and David Garast, Barrett Barlow, Jim Normark, Dale Thompson, Phyllis Huebner, John Nalajawa; Jill, Max, Brian Mullins, Frank. Rob Hillman, Kathy, Patrick, Neil Stuart, John Panico, Pat Hawkins*

St. John's Prayer List *Helena Beinstock, Joan Dill, Luz Feieira, Frank, Al Haueis, Rusty Mickelson, Barbara Mushalko, Suzanna Rosen, Scott, Tony Villa, Bill Young, Beirne Donaldson, Pat, Jack Morra, Eloise, Max, Jo, Karin, Kathy Falcon, Pat Hawkins*

ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK BRUNCH, SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Annual Meeting for St. John on the Mountain will be held on
Sunday, March 1, at 10 am, in the Parish Hall, directly following the 9 am Holy Eucharist
(there is no early service this Sunday).

All are welcome. We hope that children and youth will attend as well. Please sign up to bring a dish.

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| Priest-in-Charge | Wardens | Rector |
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| Director of Music | Vestry Members | Deacon |
| Tyler Weakland | 2027: Craig Johnston, Peter Mercer, Dan Zielinski, | The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon |
| Director of Children's Ministries | 2028: Kit Falcon, Beth Murphy, Sam Murphy, Lynda Stadtmueller | Director of Music |
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| | | Christopher Thomas, Valerie McEntee |
| | | Treasurer Michael Myers, |
| | | Clerk TBD |
| | | Vestry Members |
| | | Anne Fritts, Mindy Kirby, Devin McGuire, Jenny Moss, Michael Myers, Jason Robinette, Matthew Sloan |

ANNOUNCEMENTS - February 8, 2026

WORSHIP & COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Thank you to those who have provide giving estimates (pledges) to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church or St. John on the Mountain for 2026. We are still accepting giving estimate cards. Giving estimates can be returned by mail or place in the offering plate. Thank you for being generous with all you have been given.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 5:30 pm. via Zoom

Join us for Lenten Evening Prayer and learn about a saint in this 20-minute service held on Zoom every week during Lent through March 25.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Pastor Beth will offer developmentally appropriate and interactive classes on Baptism for children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism. The classes will be adapted to the group. Please reach out to her if you are interested, priest@stbernardsnj.org. *Note:* No baptism during Lent, Feb. 18-April 3, 2026.

BOOK REFLECTION GROUP on *Jesus Sophia* by Sally Douglas, continuing Feb. 25

Join us to read and reflect on *Jesus Sophia: Returning to Woman Wisdom in the Bible Practice and Prayer* by scholar/pastor Sally Douglas of Australia. We will meet over Zoom most Wed. from 7-8 pm. We'll discuss Chapter 3. Books are available for purchase from the parish for \$20, or you can get the Kindle version. **Upcoming Meeting dates: Feb. 25, March 4, 18, and April 1, 15.**

GAME NIGHT at St. Bernard's Church, Thursday, Feb. 12, 6-8 pm

Join us for our monthly Game Night on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6-8 pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All ages are welcome for the collaborative games, pizza, and fun.

JOINT SERVICE ON FEB. 15 AT ST. MARK'S followed by SHROVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come on Sun., Feb. 15, to a joint 10 am service at St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, followed by Shrove Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Combined choir for those available. No services at St. John's or St. Bernard's.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18: Holy Eucharist and Imposition of ashes at 9 am, 12 pm, and 7:30 pm

Please see the calendar on the next page for the Ash. Wed. services and locations. Ashes to Go will also be available in the afternoon from the Narthex of St. Bernard's Church.

ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK, SUN. MARCH 1

The Annual Meeting of St. John on the Mountain will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 10 am, in the Parish Hall, directly following the 9 am Holy Eucharist (there is no early service this Sunday). This meeting is an opportunity to reflect on 2025, discuss what lies ahead, and vote for parish lay leadership positions. We hope that children and youth will attend as well. We will get the chance to connect over brunch. Please sign up to bring a brunch dish via SignUp Genius.

CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP: July 6-10

Kids entering Kindergarten-6th grade are invited to join us for the week of July 6-10, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Bernard's Episcopal Church for a wonderful Day Camp let by young adult staff from our Episcopal and Lutheran camp. Cost is \$50/child for the week with snack and lunch provided. We had a great experience last year. To pre-register, please email Alison Davidson, St. Bernard's Parish Administrator, admin@StBernardsNJ.org. Day Camp is sponsored by St. John's, St. Bernard's, and St. Mark's, Basking Ridge. Older youth are welcome to volunteer during Day Camp.

LENT

LENT MADNESS 2026: VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SAINTS FOR THE COVETED GOLDEN HALO!

Lent Madness brackets available from the Narthex. How it works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted about the Saints at www.lentmadness.org and then you can vote for your Saint. Join in the fun!

2026 LENTEN MEDITATION & EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY, FEB. 22

The 2026 Lenten Meditations are written by Sister Monica Clare, an Episcopal nun & Sister Supervisor at the Community of St. John the Baptist in Mendham, she's both an author and unlikely TikTok star. The meditations offer an invitation to rediscover—or deepen—"holy habits" of prayer, worship and engagement with Scripture, providing a path to a life that is given shape, meaning and direction by being rooted in a deeper relationship with God. Visit the ER&D website to subscribe to daily emails, download a PDF, read the meditations and access a Group Study Guide to reflect on the meditations and Scripture with others: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/> There will also be copies of the meditations printed and available to pick up at both churches. On **Sunday, February 22** we will celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday.

LENTEN YOUTH PROJECT

During Lent this year we are collecting NEW bedding for local families in need. Items needed are all sizes of sheets, blankets, comforters, and pillows. Our collection will begin Sunday, Feb. 22nd and it will end Sunday, March 29th.

ST. BERNARD'S AND ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 8, The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am Combined Choir Rehearsal, St. Bernard's
10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
11:00 am Souper Bowl Sunday, Parish Hall

February 12, Thursday

6:00 pm Game Night, St. Bernard's Parish Hall

February 15, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal, St. Mark's Choir Room
10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Mark's
11:00 am Shrove Pancake Breakfast, St. Mark's

February 18, Ash Wednesday

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
9:00 am Ash Wed. Eucharist, St. Bernard's
12:00 pm Ash Wed. Eucharist, St. John's, Chapel
2:30-6 pm Ashes to Go, St. Bernard's Narthex
6:30 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, St. Mark's
7:30 pm Ash Wed. Eucharist, St. Mark's

February 22, The First Sunday in Lent

7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:45 am Childcare, Lower Level
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Parish Hall
10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's Parish Hall
9:30 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

February 25, Wednesday

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
5:30 pm Lenten Evening Prayer via Zoom
7:00 pm Book Discussion Group, via Zoom