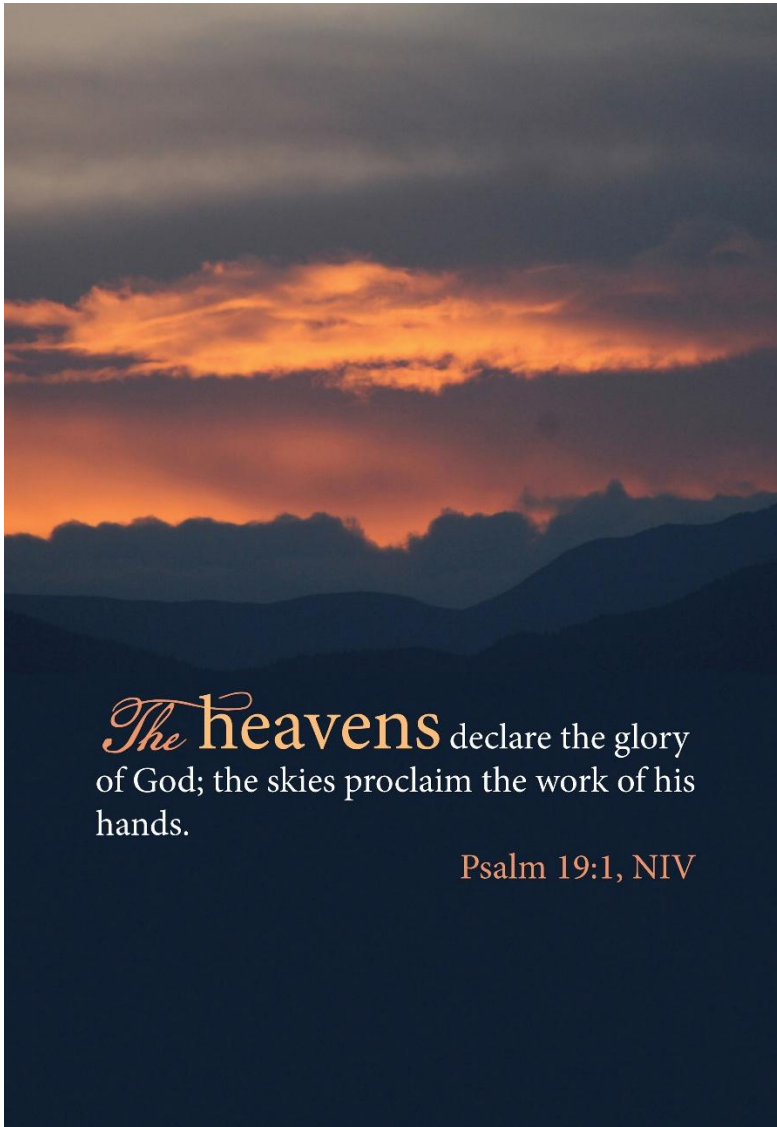


# St. Charles Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



*The heavens* declare the glory  
of God; the skies proclaim the work of his  
hands.

Psalm 19:1, NIV

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 26, 2025

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

## Voluntary

### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Jacob Hintze

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Gathering Hymn

### A Year of God's Favor

*St. Denio*



1. A year of God's fa - vor Christ prom - ised, and more:  
2. This word is ful - filled in be - liev - ers to - day,  
3. Ful - filled in our liv - ing be God's word to - day,



Good news to the pris - 'ner, the weak, and the poor,  
In wom - en and men who would fol - low Christ's way.  
Ful - filled in our lov - ing, our work, and our play,



Re - cov - 'ry of sense to the deaf and the blind,  
Re - spond, then, with glad - ness, in all that you do:  
Ful - filled now in jus - tice, in mer - cy and peace,



Full heal - ing for spir - it, for bod - y and mind.  
A life - time of fa - vor is of - fered to you!  
In joy - ful thanks - giv - ing and praise with - out cease.

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of New Life.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## Canticle S223

Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come

*plainsong V*

*The cantor intones; then everyone continues singing.*

1. A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned up-on  
you. 2. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom en-shrouds the peo-ples.  
3. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will ap-pear up-on you. 4. Nations will  
stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn-ing. 5. Your gates will

always be o-pen; by day or night they will nev-er be shut. 6. They will call you,  
 The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Is-ra-el. 7. Violence will  
 no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction with-in your bor-ders.  
 8. You will call your walls, Sal-va-tion, and all your por-tals, Praise. 9. The sun will no  
 more be your light by day; by night you will not need the bright-ness of the moon.  
 10. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glo-ry.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

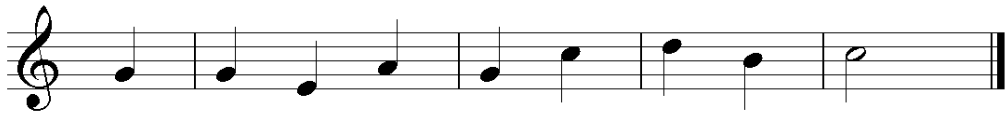
All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The choir intones; all repeat. Everyone then chants the psalm.*



The law of the Lord re - vives the soul.



- 1 The heavens declare the [glory] of God,\*  
and the firmament [shows] his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its [tale to] another,\*  
and one night imparts knowledge [to] another.**
- 3 Although they have no [words] or language,\*  
and their voices [are] not heard,
- 4 **their sound has gone out [into] all lands,\*  
and their message to the [ends of] the world.**

### *Antiphon*

- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion [for] the sun;\*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; ...  
it rejoices like a champion to [run] its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens, ...  
and runs about to the end of [it] again;\***  
**nothing is hidden from its [burn]-ing heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, ... and re-[vives] the soul;\*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, ... and gives [wisdom to] the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the LORD are just, ... and re-[joice] the heart;\***  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear, ... and gives [light to] the eyes.**

### *Antiphon*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then

deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able for the Gospel Acclamation and reading.*

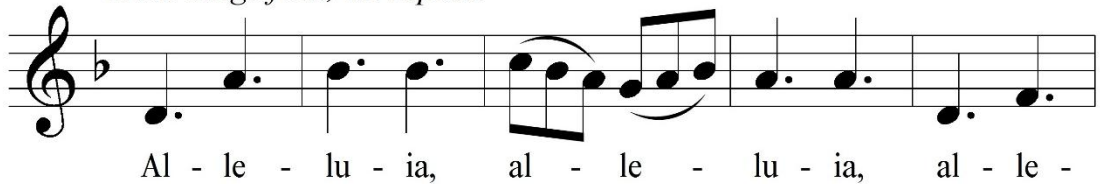
**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mass of St. Benedict**

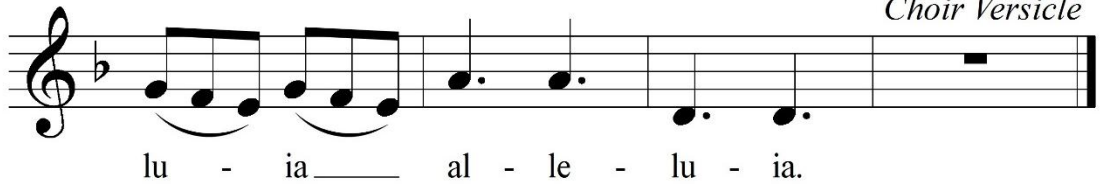
Margaret Rizzo



*Choir sings first; all repeat.*



*Choir Versicle*





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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

*Silence for meditation.*

*The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.*

**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: With Christ's light shining on us this season, let us pray to God  
for our own needs, the needs of the church and of the world.

Intercessor: For Christians throughout the world that they may be a source  
of light to a darkened world.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For world leaders: that Christ, the light of the world, may turn  
their minds and hearts to thoughts of peace.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For the sick and the lonely: that Christ who shared our  
humanity may renew their strength and rekindle their hope.  
We pray especially for members of our parish family.  
*(names are read)*

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For prisoners: that Christ's light may penetrate their darkness

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: that the light of God's consolation may shine on them.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For those who are away from home: that they may know that they are not forgotten. We pray especially for the men and women in the armed forces.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: For all who have died that they may rest in peace in God's eternal love. We pray for all those who have died.

*(names are read)*

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Intercessor: We pray for our Search Committee and our parish as we seek a new rector, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

**Celebrant:** God of love and mercy, may the coming of your son scatter the darkness of the world, and make it radiant with his light. May we follow him faithfully, and come to the light that shines forever. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Enriching Our Worship 1, pg. 56*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All:** 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

## Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The heavens resound with the Lord's power and glory,  
Through all the earth His praise abounds.  
The seas re-echo His marvelous glories:  
Let all repeat, His praises sound!  
The starry vastness He orders and numbers,  
He cares for all upon the earth.  
The myriad stars bow in praise and submission,  
The starry hosts, His hands unfurled.

The Lord our God is the king of creation,  
In His right hand He holds all things,  
His people worship in praise and devotion,  
Before His might and power come.  
He is our maker whose love shall not waver,  
Our God of Wisdom, ever kind:  
The heavens resound with the earth into glory,  
To serve the Lord and sing His praise.

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy S130

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some rests and ties in the piano part, particularly in the second system.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Celebrant: 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.

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:

**People: We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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.

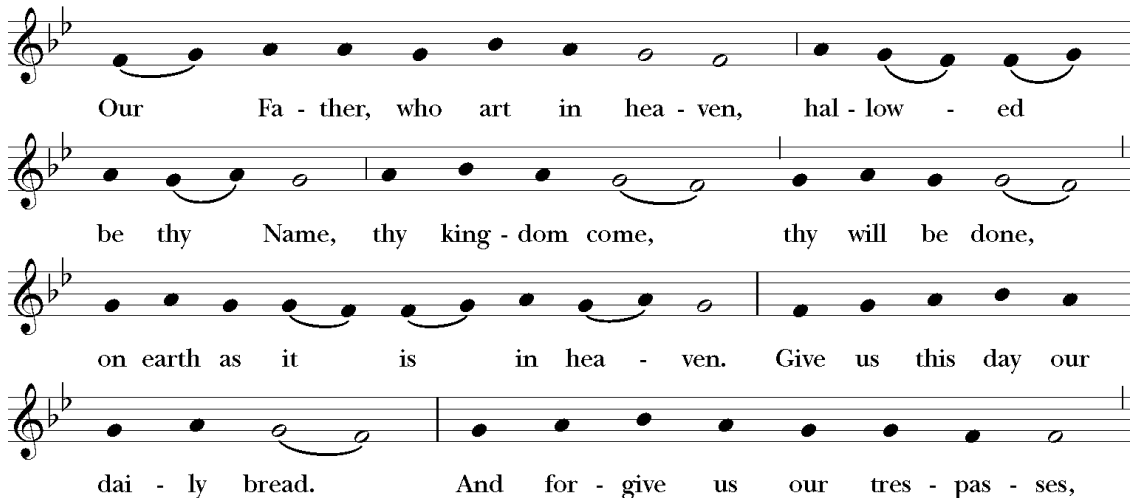
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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 God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem S172 Blessed are those who are called *plainsong*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

*Cantor*

Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.

For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the  
 faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant.*

**Communion Hymn 513**

*Bridegroom*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The Celebrant will bless the people.*

**Sending Forth Hymn 409**

*Creation*

## Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

**Variation on “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”**

Robert A. Hobby



*Today we welcome Fred Locker as our guest Organist.  
Thank you, Fred, for worshipping with us today.*



## Upcoming Events 2025:

- ❖ Sunday, January 26 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner
  - ❖ Monday, January 27 – 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon – Nosh in Geneva, RSVP to Carole Woods
  - ❖ Thursday, February 13 – Love God, Love God’s World sessions begin on Zoom, see Katie Thomson or Robin Weaver for details
- ❖ Please be sure and sign up for a Rector Search Small Group. There are several date options to choose from:**
- Sunday, February 2 – 11:00 a.m.
  - Sunday, February 9 – 11:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday, February 5 – 5:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, February 12 – 5:30 p.m.
  - Sign-up sheet is available in Ludtke Hall, or see Jan Hoffman or Victoria Skyles



LET THE WORDS OF  
**MY MOUTH**

— AND THE —

MEDITATION OF  
**MY HEART**

BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,

**O LORD,**  
**MY ROCK**

— AND —

**MY REDEEMER.**

PSALM 19:14, NRSV





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