

The 1st Sunday After The

Epiphany

January 9, 2022

We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Please stand & sing as you are able.*
(vs. 1,2,3)

Opening Sentence

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Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Isaiah 49:6b

Confession

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Please sit or kneel.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant & People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant: Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

People: **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Officiant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

People: **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Officiant: For the Lord is a great God, *

People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Officiant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

People: **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant: The sea is his, for he made it, *

People: **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Officiant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*

People: **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

People: **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Antiphon for Epiphany

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Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

People: **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

People: **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

People: **the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *

People: **the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *

People: **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

Reader: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

People: **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *

People: **the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *

People: **and strips the forests bare.**

Reader: And in the temple of the LORD *

People: **all are crying, "Glory!"**

Reader: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *

People: **the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

Reader: The LORD shall give strength to his people; *

People: **the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Please stand and sing as you are able.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Please remain standing.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily: Alex Wilson

Please be seated.

Apostles' Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Pray

Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant & People: **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.**

Suffrages: Set A

BCP Page 97-98; Please be seated.

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Officiant: Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

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Officiant: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission 1

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Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Reader: As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever more faithful fellowship and service.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

People: **Mt. Mark's, Perry Ascension, Pawnee; Diocese of Alaska; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.**

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For...

People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

People: **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Mike & Betty, Kenneth, Pat & Joe, Quinn & Nancy, PJ, John & Sharon, Emma, Ronnie, John, Troy, Sarah, Bill, Ark of Faith, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those who have died (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

People: **Mike, Louisa, Martha, Richard, Cathey, Thomas, Jonathan.**

Reader: Also those who are traveling, (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers

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Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

For a Birthday

Officiant: Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

We Go Out To Do Our Work

General Thanksgiving

Officiant & People: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Sending

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Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Closing Hymn: #510

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Dismissal

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Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



I love the community and the work we do at Grace, and I want to be a part of building the church for the future of our parish and community. I plan to give financially to God's work in this community as follows:

Amount & Frequency: \$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly
 \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Annually

My gift to Grace Episcopal Church Operating Fund for 2022 is expected to total \$ _____ .

(I understand that if my circumstances change, my giving may change as well.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please consider a pledge to take on a new activity or ministry at our church. Here is a partial list of possible commitments to consider for the new Church year. Please give prayerful consideration to how and where you might add your time and energy.

During this next year, I pledge to commit my time to:

Bring 3 people or families to church and to follow up with them afterwards	Encourage community-wide members to give to special projects – such as:
Visit shut-ins from our Grace family at least 4 times a year	Margaret's Garden
Get involved in an active ministry at Grace	Meals on Wings
Assist in Youth ministry	After school program (mentoring, tutoring)
Get involved in educational or formational programs at Grace	Youth ministry
Reach out to members who no longer attend church	Volunteer for service on the vestry or as a convention delegate
Attend or help with 3 social events at Grace	Support the music and choir program



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