

The 6th Sunday After The

Epiphany

February 13, 2022



We Gather

Processional Hymn: #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Hymn of Praise: #S-280

Gloria in Excelsis

Please remain standing.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Reader: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,*

People: **nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Reader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,*

People: **and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Reader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;*

People: **everything they do shall prosper.**

Reader: It is not so with the wicked;*

People: **they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Reader: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,*

People: **nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

Reader: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,*

People: **but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #635 ***If thou but trust in God to guide thee*** *Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 *Please remain standing.*

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Lance Schmitz *Please be seated. Silence for reflection after the sermon.*

Nicene Creed *BCP Page 358* *All in unison; Please stand.*

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: **Emmanuel, Shawnee; St. Andrew's, Mission Church, Tacuarembó, Uruguay; Diocese of New York; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: We pray for...

People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Alex & 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, Pat & Joe, Quinn & Nancy, John & Sharon, Emma, Ronnie, John, Troy, Sarah, Bill, Ronna, Kim, Jessica, Kenyon, Alyssa, Ami, Bill, Ark of Faith, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those in the armed services. 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: **Ann, Sissy, Angela, Craig, and Margaret.**

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.**

Confession and Absolution

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Please kneel, sit or stand.

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

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

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.

Offertory

Please remain seated.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with thanksgiving.

Offertory Music

Doxology: #380

Please stand and sing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Distribution of Communion

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Corda

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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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:

Sanctus: #S-130

Please stand, sit, or kneel.

Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: #S-164

Please remain seated.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Communion Music

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Benediction & Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: #537

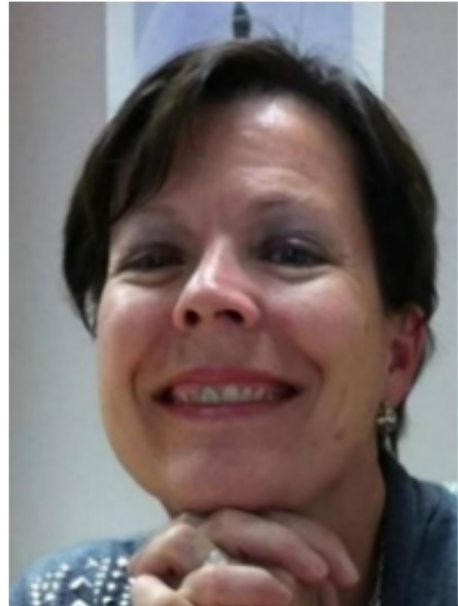
Christ for the world we sing

Please stand and sing as you are able.

Sending

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FEBRUARY VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH: Pat Wilcox



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:

Officiant.....Fr. Lance Schmitz
1st Reader..... Rick Ewing
2nd Reader.....Chris Ewing
Head Usher/Greeter... Van Odom
Altar Guild..... Marlene Odom
1st Cross/Server.....Thomas Bentley
2nd Cross.....Terra Tomblinson



SHROVE TUESDAY ON SUNDAY
Youth Pancake Fundraiser
After service | February 27th | Parish Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 2, 2022

Ashes to Go
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
@ 6th Street Drop-Off Lane

Worship Service
6:00 PM
Online and In the Church

Imposition of Ashes Will be In-Person



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 _____

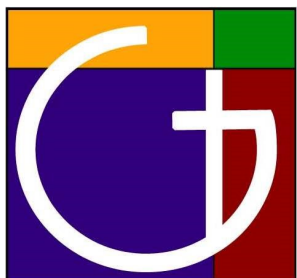
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Please consider a pledge to take on a new activity or ministry at our church. Here is a partial list of possible commitments to consider for the new Church year. Please give prayerful consideration to how and where you might add your time and energy.

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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Ministers: All the People of God (BCP p. 855)

Sr. Warden: Alex Wilson

Jr. Warden: Pat Wilcox

Deacon Emeritus: The Rev. Thomas A. Harrington

Music Director: Ken Yadon

Youth & Children's Director: Nancy Scott

