

Welcome to our home! We would love for you to join our family!

We Gather

Processional:

Highland Cathedral Rick Ewing, bagpipes

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: #7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Please remain standing & sing.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People:	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Bishop:	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People:	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop:	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People:	One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

- *Bishop*: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Bishop: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12

Read responsively by half verse.

- *Reader:* I waited patiently upon the Lord;
- People: he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- *Reader:* He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
- People: he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

Reader:	He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
People:	many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
Reader:	Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
People:	They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
Reader:	Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us!
People:	There is none who can be compared with you.
Reader:	Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
People:	But they are more than I can count.
Reader:	In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
People:	(you have given me ears to hear you);
Reader:	Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
People:	and so I said, "Behold, I come.
Reader:	In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
People:	'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'''
Reader:	I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
People:	behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
Reader:	Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
People:	I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
Reader:	You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
People:	let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Reader: People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #120

The sinless one to Jordan came (v. 1-3 before, v. 4-6 after Gospel)

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Please remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Deacon:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but

the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Deacon:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed

Please be seated.

We Pray

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

- *Bishop:* The Candidates will now be presented.
- *Fr. Chris:* I present Coco Vivian Cox and Lucy Olivia Cox for Confirmation.
- Larry Stick: I present Sharon Moore for Confirmation.
- Holders: We present Terra Tomblinson and Jonathan Moya for Confirmation.
- *Fr. Chris:* I present Alison Miller to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates:

- *Bishop:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
- Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

- *Bishop*: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
- People: We will.
- *Bishop:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

- *Bishop:* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- *Bishop:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- *People:* 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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

- *Bishop:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People: I will, with God's help.
- *Bishop:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People: I will, with God's help.
- *Bishop:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People: I will, with God's help.
- *Bishop:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People: I will, with God's help.
- *Bishop:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions:

- *Bishop:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Bishop:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Bishop:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Bishop:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Bishop:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Bishop:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Bishop:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation & Reception

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (*Coco, Lucy, Sharon, Terra, Jonathan*) with your Holy Spirit; empower *her/him* for your service; and sustain *her/him* all the days of *her/his* life. **Amen**.

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Bishop: Alison, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen**.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Bishop:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

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 email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Offertory

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

I Will Sing Praise

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem:

Doxology: #380 v. 3

We Share the Meal

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum Corda: #S-120

Celebrant	People	
The Lord be wi	ith you. And al - so with you.	
Celebrant	People	
Lift up your l	hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
Celebrant		
Let us give thanks	to the Lord our God.	
People It is right to give	e him thanks and praise.	

Peace

Please be seated.

Please remain seated.

Please remain standing.

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

Bishop: 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, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your 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-125

Please sit or kneel after the Sanctus.

Bishop: † Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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." $\dagger \dagger \dagger$

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." $\dagger \dagger \dagger$

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop & People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bishop: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

Lord's Prayer

Bishop: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Bishop & 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: #S-154

Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Communion Music

How Great Thou Art

Kaia Holder, cello

We Go Into the World

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop & People:

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

Bishop: May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**.

Recessional Hymn: #542

Christ is the world's true light

Please stand & sing.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.



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