

*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*



Grace Episcopal Church  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Contemplative Eucharist at 8:00 am  
Worship with music at 10:00 am

## Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we 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.

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## The Collect of the Day

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O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**The Psalm****Psalm 50:1-6*****Deus deorum***

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Sequence Hymn**

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

**Blue Hymnal #7**

## Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**The Sermon**

**Father Jeff Baker**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People**

**Planning for Rites and Rituals, Year B, 2023-2024**

Presider: Let us pray for all people in the Church and the World who need mercy, justice and peace, saying "Lord have mercy."

Intercessor:

For the Church of God, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially our Presiding Bishop Anne, and for Father Jeff Baker, leading worship today, and for all who witness to the glory of God.

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

For this nation, this world and for the sharing of health and healing.

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

For those stigmatized as unclean, and for those who touch and heal them.

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

For all who practice the medical arts, and for physicians of the spirit.

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

For all who are sick and in need of prayer. For those who are dying. For those we name now, silently or aloud. We especially pray for Aaron Lephart, Valerie Lephart, Margaret, Gerald Brothers, Ray, Beth, Belle, Cheri L., Drake, Janet, Bill, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Rosemary, Pat Newyear, Sheila S., Deb B., Carolyn Stacks, Lyn Baker, Chuck Yaichner, Chris Junda, Tim Mackey, John and Joyce Hoste, Bev & Ken Schutt, Susan S., Mark S., Charlotte S., Paul, Sue and Michael, Kathy Shay, Sarah, Frank Burkacki, Lucille P., Kathy Hill, Diane Z., Clare McElroy, Jeanne Schupp, Shirley Wilkes, Debbie Wilkes, Cathy Nash, Jennifer M., Zac, Wesley, Joanne T., Cindy P., Joe, Karen, Caitlin B., Ken W., and Margaret G: The Miller family

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

For the dead and for those who mourn. For those we name now, silently, or aloud.

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

**For the promise joy granted to all the saints. Let us pray to the Lord,**

*Silence.*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*Christ have mercy.*

Presider: O God, who bids us wash in healing waters, hear the prayers we offer you this day and enable us to proclaim your good news and spread the word of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<b>Confession of Sin</b>	<b>BCP 360</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	<b>BCP 360</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>The Holy Communion</b>	<b>BCP 361</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>Grace Notes Choir</b>
<b>The Doxology</b>	

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

*d. = 46-52* *f* Marty Haugen, 1984  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
*ff* Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*mf* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*ff* Ho - san - na in the high - est, *fff rit.* ho -  
*molto rit.* san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

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*Celebrant and People*  
 Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Amen

BCP 363

Two staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with the instruction *All: f*. The lyrics are "A - men, a - men, a - men!". The second staff begins with *ff* and includes a *rit. fff* marking. The lyrics are "A - men, a - men, a - men!".

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God You take a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us Lamb of God You take a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world. grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace." The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, and 11.

Communion Hymn

*How Great Thou Art*

Praise Book #17

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

Blue Hymnal #618

The Dismissal

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## Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love with the world.

Serving	Today	Ash Wednesday 7pm
Celebrant	The Reverend Jeff Baker	
Altar Guild	Kathy Hill, Thora Scott,	Kathy Hill, Thora Scott,
8 am Worship Assistant	Elizabeth Estep	Walt Iliff
8 am Usher	Sandy Wesley	Elizabeth Estep
10 am Lectors	Sherry Occkial, Deb Zimmerman	~~~~~ ~~~~~
10 am Chalice Bearer	Sherry Occkial	~~~~~
10 am Crucifer	Greg Mackey	Greg Mackey
10 am Usher	Phil Davis	~~~~~
10 am Zoom Host	Elizabeth Estep	
Music:	Scott Arra and the Grace Choir	

## Updates and Reminders

### Altar Flower Signup

The new Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet is in the hallway for 2024, please consider signing up Altar Flowers are a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the many blessings we have. Flower arrangements for a Sunday are \$40. Please note more than one person/family can sign up for the same Sunday.

**Please also note that no flower arrangements will be on the altar during Lent.**

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Flowers were given by Frank Burkacki in celebration of Peggy's Birthday.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Flowers are given by Beth Sphatt in celebration of Ray's Birthday.

Please use insert Flower slip to order Easter flowers in Memory or Celebration of, then drop it in the offering plate or in the office before March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Payments no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is **Ash Wednesday**-We will have one service at 7pm with Ashes imposed.

Starting Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> on Wednesday evenings starting at 6pm we will begin with a Soup Supper and then a Lenton Study lead by Father Jeff. Sign-up on tri-pod to make soup



We missed a very special Birthday for the Prayer Calendar for February!!!

February 20<sup>th</sup> is Jeanne Schupp Birthday. If you are able, please take a moment and shower her with the blessing of a birthday card!

Jeanne Schupp

Maplewood at Chardon

12350 Bass lake Rd. Rm. 104A

Chardon, Ohio 44024-8336

Also, Fr. Jeff is leading a class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Dates: 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 4/7, 4/14. Anyone interested in more information about the Episcopal Church, becoming a member, being received, The Bishop will be making a visit to Grace Episcopal April 21, 2024. This book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: Jesus Was An Episcopalian (And You Can Be One Too!) Let Fr. Jeff know or leave a message with the office. 440-942-1015 [office@gracewilloughby.org](mailto:office@gracewilloughby.org)

**The Search Team** was commissioned during the 10 AM service on 7-Jan. The team comprises Peggy Burkacki, Konnor Thompson, Greg Mackey, Ray Sphatt, and Mary Miragliotta. They've elected Peggy Burkacki as Chairperson, and Mary Miragliotta as Clerk. They are organizing **all-parish meetings** to gather info and opinions from the entire congregation. The meetings are currently scheduled for **Wed. February 28 at 5:30 PM**, Wed. March 13 at 5:30 PM, and Sun. April 7 after church. Check the website, or the bulletin board, for more info.

## This Week at Grace

Sun. 11-Feb.

10 am	Eucharist with Music	Sanctuary
11:15	Lunch and Annual Parish Meeting	Undercroft
5 pm	Scouts BSA	Undercroft
6 pm	Speak Together	Meeting Room
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Undercroft

Mon, 12-Feb

7:30 pm	NA Meeting	Undercroft
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Tues, 13-Feb.

7 p	GA	Undercroft
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Wed, 14-Feb

10 am	Group Study	Online, link on website
7 p	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

Thu, 15-Feb

2 p	Prayer Shawl	Gathering Rm
7 p	Choir	Sanctuary
7 p	GA	Undercroft
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Fri, 16-Feb

12 noon	Social Hour	Online, link on website
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Sat, 17-Feb



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