

Grace Episcopal Church
January 11, 2026
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
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.

Opening Hymn
Holy Eucharist Rite Two

We three kings

Blue Hymnal #128
Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

S-280(Front of Praise Book)

The Collect

BCP p 211

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.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the
earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched
them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes
from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in
righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept
you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his
Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
*
the voice of the LORD is a voice of
splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar
trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild
ox.

- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of
fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the
wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of
Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees
wither *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
*
the LORD sits enthroned as King for
evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his
people; *
the LORD shall give his people the
blessing of peace.

A reading from Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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Sequence Hymn

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Blue Hymnal #121

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

"The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. J. Jeffrey Baker

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP p 387

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, Aria, 8 yr old Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, David Petro, Judith Junda, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial , Franny E., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat, Doug Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Riley Gumto and the Dearborn and Baker families.

Today we celebrate the birthdays of Sue Mancino and Courtney Werling.

A Prayer for Change: Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

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Memorial Acclamation

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The Great Amen

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Hymn

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

In the bleak mid-winter

Blue Hymnal #112

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Blue Hymnal #616

The Dismissal