

# 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

*We three kings*

Blue Hymnal #128

### Holy Eucharist Rite Two

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,

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

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.

## 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  
    writhe \*  
    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**

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.**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon	The Rev. J. Jeffrey Baker
The Nicene Creed	BCP p 358
Prayers of the People	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		BCP 359
The Peace		BCP 360
Announcements		
<b>Holy Communion</b>		
Offertory Anthem		Grace Choir
The Doxology		Front of Praise Book
The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Eucharist Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy, Lord	Front of Praise Book
Memorial Acclamation		Front of Praise Book
The Great Amen		Front of Praise Book
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p 364
Fraction Hymn	<i>Lamb of God</i>	Front of Praise Book
Communion Hymn	<i>In the bleak mid-winter</i>	Blue Hymnal #112
The Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p 366
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Blue Hymnal #616
The Dismissal		