

Grace Episcopal Church

February 1, 2026

The Fourth 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

Christ is the world's true Light

Blue Hymnal #542

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

S-280(Front of Praise Book)

The Collect

BCP p 211

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the
mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of
the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the
earth;

for the LORD has a controversy with his
people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of
slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak
of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

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

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of
the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does
what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his
neighbor.
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of
gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the
innocent.
7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Sequence Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Blue Hymnal #508

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on

my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

"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, 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 and Doug Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Katherine R., Bill Trsek, Mason and Riley Gumto

Today we celebrate the birthday of Harry Dodds.

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

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Grace Choir

The Doxology

Front of Praise Book

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

Front of Praise Book

Memorial Acclamation

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The Great Amen

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The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p 364

Fraction Hymn

Lamb of God

Front of Praise Book

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

Praise Book #37

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p 366

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Blue Hymnal #437

The Dismissal

Announcements

Join us for our Annual Meeting. Directly after the service today, February 1. We will meet down in the undercroft. Lunch will be provided. Your voice, your vote matters for the future year of Grace Episcopal Church.

Articles, dates and pictures are due for the PACE Monday Feb. 23rd.