

Grace Episcopal Church

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

# The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ January 10, 2021

Everyone is welcome here at Grace! While these times may call for social distancing, we gather in Spirit and in worship to greet one another and praise our Sovereign God. If you are our guest this morning, we would like to hear from you. If you are tuning in online, please email or call us and tell us a bit about yourself. You may reach us through the church office at 828-254-1086 or at <u>grace.church.asheville@gmail.com</u>. Also feel free to email our new Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at <u>Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com</u> or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

# 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE ||

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.



**OPENING HYMN**: As With Gladness Men of Old



*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

All Amen

# THE WORD OF GOD



# THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. 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. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE GOSPEL HYMN: On Jordan's Bank







CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MarkPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

## THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# THE HOMILY

(Quiet Time for Reflection)

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Book of Common Prayer 292

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?*People* I do.

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Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty,
	creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant	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.
Celebrant	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.
Celebrant	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.
Celebrant	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.
Celebrant	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
	yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
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*Celebrant* 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.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All Amen

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Lector:	God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people. we pray to You, O Lord.
People:	Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.
Lector:	We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who are exploring their faith, and all who are struggling with faith.
People:	Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples
Lector:	We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired We pray for those who have recently departed and for those on the anniversaries of their deaths: we pray to You, O Lord.
People:	Comforter of the suffering, prepare our hands and hearts for your loving service.
Lector:	We pray for all who celebrate in these days. Especially for those who have birthdays and those who have anniversaries we pray to You, O Lord.
People:	Guiding Star of Love, shield the joyous and comfort the afflicted that together, we may come to know your blessed harmony.

- *Lector:* We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby
- *People:* Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- *Lector:* We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.
- *People:* Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation
- *Celebrant:* God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

- *Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor
- All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
- *Celebrant* Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Shall We Gather at the River*



**BCP 369** 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C (standing)

- *Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
- *People* And also with you.
- *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
- *People* **We lift them to the Lord.**
- *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- *People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version)

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

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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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (standing)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Friends, Life is short, and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us.

So, be swift to love and make haste to show mercy and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us forever.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION: When for Us You Were Baptized (next page)

#### THE DISMISSAL

- *Celebrant* Friends our liturgy has ended and now our service begins. Let us go out to love and serve the lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia

THE POSTLUDE

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Randy and Martha Carson in honor of their parents.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!** Join us at our YouTube Channel, Facebook page, or via Zoom Web Conferencing. Access a link at the top of our webpage at <u>www.graceavl.com</u> and see more information below. Our physical Church building is mostly closed due to recommendations made regarding protecting us all from the COVID-19 virus. All in-person meetings are by appointment only.



# TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

January 10th during the 10:30 a.m. live streamed Holy Eucharist Service followed by an 11:45 a.m. zoom meeting, we will hear reports, thank Vestry members who have served faithfully over the past three years, and elect incoming Vestry members.

**To join the 11:45 zoom meeting,** go to <u>https://zoom.us/signin</u> Meeting ID: 872 8203 8932, Passcode: 964842 or click this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87282038932?pwd=MDdRcVITbjdhcEhDcjc2MkJJWktrUT09</u>

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Here is a link to the <u>2020 Annual Report</u>, which you are asked to review in Preparation for our Annual Meeting. It is also good to read and reference this report any time throughout the year to learn more about all things Grace!



# **THE VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR is cancelled today** in lieu of our Annual Meeting!



# **EPIPHANY PRAYERS**

Here is <u>a link to a booklet of Epiphany Prayers</u> to use for this Season of Epiphany.

**LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE:** Go to our website <u>graceavl.com</u> for quick and easy access to all these links.

**COMPLINE EVERY EVENING AT 8 P.M. except Sunday** on Grace's Facebook Page.



Join us at <u>facebook.com/pg/graceasheville/videos/</u>. Access a link and **An Order for Compline Booklet** at <u>graceavl.com/</u> which you can download or read online.

We are grateful to the following folks who do Compline:

- Mondays: Bill & Becky Smith
- Tuesdays: Nancy Walters
- Wednesdays: Sydnor & Kelly Thompson
- Thursday: Jim & Elise Cassarino

- Fridays: Elaine Potter
- Saturdays: James Cannon
- Pinch hitters: Cliff Albertson & Anne Jarema

**THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE:** Our pastoral care team meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at noon. We invite you to reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have. *We also invite any among you to join us in this work if God is calling you to extend yourself in care of your neighbor*. To contact the Pastoral Care Team please either call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 or email the team at <u>Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com</u>.



WOMEN WALKING THE WAY: Thursday at 8:00 am meet at the Bird Sanctuary



parking lot. Women of Grace, please consider joining Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake. This time together (while socially distancing and wearing masks) will be devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus, in the world and in our community of Grace. No need to register or even email her, just show up! The Bird Sanctuary parking lot is

located just past the library on Merrimon Ave.

**PRAYING TOGETHER:** Rev. Milly will be holding open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. This is a time to receive pastoral care and to let yourself rest in the comfort of the sacred sanctuary space. Masks and social distancing are required. Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time with her. <u>Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com</u>



**PLEDGE ENVELOPES:** Beginning in 2021 we are phasing out our use of pledge



envelopes. We will provide envelopes in 2021 for those who request them, but the envelope numbers will not be used to identify your giving. We will use the name provided on the check or printed on your envelope. Please notify Valerie through the church office or email if you

wish to receive pledge envelopes for 2021 and they will be provided.

We also have some boxes of pledge envelopes on a table in the foyer. Valerie will be in the office on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. if you want to drop by and pick up a box. Of course, she is also happy to mail a box to you. Just call 828-254-1086, extension 10, or email grace.church.asheville@gmail.com and let her know you'd like one.

**If you want to give your pledge electronically,** we'll be happy to send you the banking information you will need to give to your bank. We can also help you get that set up.

Also, just a reminder, **we have a locked box to the left of our door in which you can drop off envelopes, and we have recently installed a locking mailbox.** So if you prefer to drop by the church when it is closed, these are some places you can leave your mail for us.





**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at <u>www.graceavl.com</u>. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page, in the right-hand corner. You will have nity to choose the fund to which you'd like to give

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**STILL TIME TO PLEDGE!** If you haven't done so, please make your 2021 pledge, by contacting the church for a pledge card or pledge online at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/GracePledge">https://tinyurl.com/GracePledge</a>. This helps us to make



decisions about how to best utilize the resources provided by our parish family.

# VIRTUAL SERVICES AND MEETINGS



Grace Community Outreach Worship Spiritual Growth Parish Life Give To Grace

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CONTACT

#### <u>Sunday Service on YouTube, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.</u> ZOOM Annual Meeting, January 10 at 11:45 a.m. 2020 Annual Report

Sunday Links

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. YouTube Service Sunday, Jan. 3, 10:30 a.m. Service Bulletin PDF Sunday's Virtual Coffee Hour ZOOM 11:30 a.m. Compline, 8 p.m. Nightly (except Sunday) Monday Morning 10:30 a.m. Bible Study ZOOM Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer ZOOM Rev. Milly's Pastoral Message, November 20, 2020

Weekday Links

Resources

THE GRACE NEWSLETTERS GIVE TO GRACE

Personal Prayer Epiphany 2021 Prayers PDF Order of Compline PDF The Book of Common Prayer PDF Diocesan COVID-19 Resources

# Go to <u>www.graceavl.com</u> and look for links near the top of the page that link to most of our online services and bulletins, and to many parish-wide Zoom meetings.

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	Location
Nightly Except Sunday 8 PM	Compline *	Facebook Videos **
Sunday, Jan 10, 10:30 AM	Sunday Holy Eucharist Service ~ with Annual Meeting	YouTube Channel **
Sunday, Jan 10, 11:45 AM	Annual Meeting continues	Zoom**
Sundays after Service	Virtual Coffee Hour ~ cancelled Jan 10th due to Annual Meeting	Zoom **
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday, Jan 11, 5 PM	Tabernacle Groups Training Program	Zoom
Monday, Jan 11, 6 PM	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 13, 10 AM	Grace TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 12 Noon	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3 PM	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Jan 13, 4 PM	Wedding Ministry Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8 AM	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursdays, 10:30 AM	Leadership Meeting	Zoom
Thursday, Jan 14, 6:30 PM	OSL Mountain Chapter Program	Zoom
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

# **Our Prayer List**

**<u>For Parishioners</u>:** Chris Carson; Sally Coburn; Chip Coon; Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten; Cuyler Dupree; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Kathleen Griffin; Doug Haldane; Dodie King; Don and Ann Lewis; Carole McClellan; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Alex and Briar Thwaites; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Pat Walters; Katie Warren; Don Wills.

*For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities*: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Tom Paine; Deb Pegel; BobTurner.

<u>For Others:</u> (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call the office to keep names on the list for a longer time) **Bruce Appeldoorn** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Deane Brown** (brother of Barbara Wilcox); **Wendy Davis** (friend of Eunice Ferguson); **Walt Deyton** (father of Cheryl Deyton); **Melinda Franks** (sister of Becky Smith); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Jenna Kenner** (friend of Sonny Rawls); **Veronica Litun** (mother of Valerie Heavens); **Sally Morrow** (mother of Rev. Milly Morrow); **Cindy & David Tunnell** (daughter of James Cannon); **Patricia** (friend of Kathleen Griffin).

*For Those in Service to Our Country*: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Nancy Smith; Charlotte** (daughter of Pam Stein); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey); **Gus Whitman** (grandson of Jane Whitman).

*For Those in the Episcopal Church*: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.** 

For our President Donald Trump, President-Elect Joe Biden, their Cabinets, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

*For Protection from COVID-19:* Protect all who have been or are being affected by this virus spreading around the world. Be with those who are sick and those who are caring for them. Be with those who have died. Be with those people who we often have ignored in the past, who are now proving to be our heroes: grocery store workers, baggers, cashiers, those who stock the shelves; pharmacy workers and pharmacists, truck drivers who ensure the goods and supplies we need are delivered. Be with our Healthcare workers, nurses, doctors, those who cook, clean and do the laundry. Be with the scientists and researchers who are working on a cure so that this virus may be eradicated.

*Please go to <u>www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> for more opportunities to request prayer. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact the office.* 



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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, Bishop The Reverend Milly Morrow, Rector James Cassarino, Director of Music; Cathy Adkins, Organist Valerie Heavens, Office Manager; Angel Randy Stoudt, Sexton James Cannon, Elaine Potter and Ali Schaefer, Technology Directors

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