



# Grace Episcopal Church

The First Sunday  
after the Epiphany

## The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ January 9, 2022

*Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly after worship. 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 [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com). Also feel free to email our Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at [Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com) or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.*

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**PRELUDE:** *Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan*

Dietrich Buxtehude

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen**



# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,  
    he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
    and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
    and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
    and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks 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 NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **THE GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

### **THE HOMILY**

Rev. Mike

### **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.**

*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.**

*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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

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

BCP 369

*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:

*Celebrant and People*

**SANCTUS:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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,

*All*           **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



*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All*           **Therefore let us keep the feast.  
                  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION MUSIC

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(standing)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life  
and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 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:** *A Litany of Joy*

Alfred Fedak



**The flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Marzy Israel by her family.**

## LAY MINISTERS

Acolytes: James Cannon Chalicists: Lorie Tola

Lector: Louise Wernicke; Intercessor: Carol Booth

Ushers: Elaine & Nate Potter

Vestry Member of the Day: Joe Aull

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE!** Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Access links at the top of our webpage at [www.graceavl.com](http://www.graceavl.com). Our physical Church building is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with all in-person meetings by appointment only; the building is locked during out of office meetings.

**MASKS REQUIRED IN CHURCH:** We are opened on Sundays for our 10:30 liturgy. We are all making decisions about where we feel safe traveling and gathering. So please know, if you do not feel comfortable being in church at this time, we will be here when you do!



*First, care for yourself. Second, if you decide to attend in-person church masks are required and we will practice social distancing.*

## NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING IN THE SANCTUARY ~ FOR NOW

Based on the new COVID variant, we have decided to take a break from congregational singing at Grace, and we will reassess at the end of January. This has been a very difficult decision, especially after enjoying such beautiful singing throughout Advent and Christmas by our choir and congregation.

At this time, Grace will continue in-person worship, and as always, Cathy Adkins will offer her beautiful organ music that will lift us all up. We look forward to the return of our choir and congregational singing as soon as it feels wise to resume.

## FOR EPIPHANY



**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** with Rev. Guy Sayles as our host and teacher *Starts This Monday!*

On the first six Mondays of Epiphany (January 10-February 14, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. on zoom), we'll ponder together the Gospel Lessons for the following Sundays.

**To join in,** go to our website [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com) to find the [Monday Morning 10:30 Bible Study Zoom](#) link under "Weekday Links" near the top of the home page. If you have never used zoom

before, go to [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download) to download Zoom in advance, then click on the link on our website.

*Epiphany* means *manifestation* or *appearing*, and we'll focus on how each text shows us dimensions of Jesus:

- January 10: Seeing Jesus as Joy-Giver (John 2:1-11)
- January 17: Seeing Jesus as Liberator (Luke 4:14-21)
- January 24: Seeing Jesus as Troubler of the Status Quo (Luke 4:21-30)
- January 31: Seeing Jesus as the One Who Calls (Luke 5:1-11)
- February 7: Seeing Jesus as Healer and Teacher (Luke 6:27-38)
- February 14: Seeing Jesus as the Flow of Mercy and Love (Luke 6:27-38)

## CREATE + CONNECT CIRCLES EXPERIENCE DURING EPIPHANY



*Thursdays from 8-9am at Grace Church, January 13, 20, 27, and February 3*

Join Ginger Huebner for a four week Create + Connect Circles experience during Epiphany, as we enter 2022. We will gather in person in the parish hall to share, reflect and connect in response to the weekly sermon and readings through Ginger's Create + Connect process. This process guides participants by using simple tools of collage and color to interpret ideas and emotions that are often beyond words. There is no artistic experience necessary. ALL are welcome! All materials provided.

You can find out more about Ginger and this process here:

<https://www.createandconnectcircles.com>

Call Ginger Huebner with any questions: 828-545-4827





**PRAYING TOGETHER:** Rev. Milly holds open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly by appointment Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. *Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time with her.* [Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com).

**THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE:** Our pastoral care team invites you to reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at [Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com](mailto:Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com). You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 Sunday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.



**WOMEN WALKING THE WAY:**  
**Thursday at 8:00 a.m.** This Women's group will be coming out from the cold and meeting in the Parish Hall for a Create and Connect workshop from January 13<sup>th</sup> through February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope all will join us there and we'd love



to see some new faces. There may be a few women who decide to continue to walk at Beaver Lake during this time or after the class.

## HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY?

An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow* at [Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com).



SimpleChurch CRM

As a member, look for this symbol to download the app from your app store. **The domain name when requested in the app is graceepiscopalasheville.** For your computer you put in the domain name

<https://graceepiscopalasheville.simplechurchcrm.com>. If you need your login information or password reset, email Valerie at [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com).



**PLEDGE ENVELOPES:** We are phasing out our use of numbered pledge envelopes. We have ordered a small number of envelopes for 2022 for those who request them, but the envelope numbers will not be used to track giving. We will use the name printed on the check or

envelope in which cash is given. Please notify Valerie if you wish to receive pledge envelopes for 2022. You can also pick one up from the table in the foyer.



**ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY:** Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [www.graceavl.com](http://www.graceavl.com). There is a “Give to Grace”



button on the top blue banner of our home page. To give to our “*virtual collection plate*” you can also use the Simple Church app or the Venmo app.

## THIS WEEK’S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sundays, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Sundays, 10:3a	Transition Room for Children and Families	Parish Hall
Mondays, 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Monday, Jan 10, 5p	Endowment Committee Meeting	Zoom
Monday, Jan 10, 6p	Worship Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, Jan 11, 10a	Stewardship Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday, Jan 11, 6p	Men of the Church dinner and meeting	Parish Hall
Wednesday, Jan 12, 10a	The Grace TEAM Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1p	Tabernacle Meeting Group 1	Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 12, 5p	New Vestry Member Orientation	Member Zoom
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 7p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Create & Connect Circles - Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3	Parish Hall
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE    **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	<a href="http://graceavl.com">graceavl.com</a>

## OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Sally Coburn; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Kathleen Griffin; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Martha Anderson; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Bob Turner; Shirley Turner.

For Others: Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Wesley Auret (godson of Elaine Potter); Becky Blaylock (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Lara Brongel and family (daughter of Jackie Schauer); Tanya Burdette (friend of Nancy Clark); Ed C (friend of Jim Compton); Paula Collins (cousin of Kathleen Griffin); Tom Cooper (father of

Katherine Kaderabek); **Ann Derwort** (sister of Jeanne Sims); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Janis** (sister of Larry Bowen); **Jenna Keener** (friend of Sonny Rawls); **Jonathan Kinyon** (brother of Shannon Townsend); **Sally Morrow** (mother of Milly Morrow); **Sharon Prater** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Sheila** (sister of Ginny Moser); **Glenn Thomas** (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); **Jayne Traylor** (mother of John Chastain); **Ronald Vince** (brother-in-law of Anne Jarema); **Daphne Urquhart** (former member of Grace); **Marilyn White** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Tammy Wyatt** (mother of Chance Wyatt).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: **Sally Coburn.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Nancy Smith**; **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

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 Joe Biden, his Cabinet, 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.

Please go to [graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/](http://graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/) for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at [pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com) or contact the church.



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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*

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