



Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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. Also feel free to email our Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

We begin our service on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer; you can find that in your pew rack. Please feel free to ask your neighbor if you have any questions about how to follow along in our common worship. Welcome to Grace!

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: *Lord Christ, the Only Son of God*

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.**

OPENING HYMN: *Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

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

PSALM 12: 1-10

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *

their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *

and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry;

they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *

the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly

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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 for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for José our Bishop, and for all bishops; for Milly, our Rector and for Mike, our Associate Rector. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Seminarians, and all students, faculty & staff involved in Theological Education 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. We pray to You, O Lord.

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 for those in our parish for whom our prayers are especially asked and desired: Don,, Daniel and Hannah, Joan, Ginny, Laura and Tsz-Yan, Roger, Sydnor and Kelly, Barbara.... Are there others?

Lector: We pray for the recently departed: Lydia Lenore Lewallen; Glenn Thomas; and, Ron Vince; and for those on the anniversaries of their deaths: David Carey; Dick Krueger; Michael Davis; Roger Neilson; Shelby Brooks; Are there others? 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: Eunice Ferguson; Pat Stafford; Hannah Pennell; Cheri Potter; Andrew Beasley; and Margaret Crum.... and those who have anniversaries: Rebecca and Don Alford; Cliff Albertson and Anne Jarema; Brenda and Glenn Haller... 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. We pray to You, O Lord.

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. We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

{continued by Celebrant}

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.

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: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Southern Harmony/arr/Austin

Lovelace

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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 **B** (*standing*)

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SANCTUS

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional Version)*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

David Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION HYMN: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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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

CLOSING HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine*

Musical score for the hymn "This Little Light of Mine" in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." The chords indicated are G, G7, C, G, Em, B7, C, G, D7, G, C, G.

- 2. Deep down in my heart....
- 3. Everywhere I go...
- 4. Let it shine 'till Jesus comes...
- 5. This little light of mine...

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Earl and Judy Booze in thanksgiving for their daughters, Kathryn and Amanda.

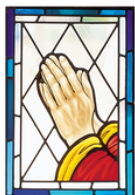
LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Susan Robinson Chalicer:
Lectors: OT Cole Woodcox, NT Vicki Vest ; Intercessor: Sydnor
Thompson
Ushers: Vicki and Paul Vest ; Greeters: Tahani Sticpewich
Vestry Member of the Day: Steve Birkhofer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE! Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary with masks optional, and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Service links are at the top of our website graceavl.com. Click on "[YouTube Services](#)" for the service, on "**Sunday Service Bulletin**" for the bulletin, and on "**Sunday Hymns**" to sing along with the choir.

FLOWER GUILD The Flower Guild needs a donor for the Aumbry Candle in February. Please let [Jennifer Witt](#) know if you are interested. There are also several opportunities for flower donors in the near future.



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.

NOW'S THE TIME TO HELP ABCCM KEEP SAFE & WARM

We all know how cold it is right now, especially on freezing Code Purple nights. And while we're grateful for the clothes and places that keep us warm, let us be thankful for those 130 folks who are staying in ABCCM's three Safe Haven facilities right now.

Let us also be especially mindful and compassionate for those 200+ unsheltered men, women, children, military veterans and intact families who are living and sleeping on the sidewalks, under bridges, in abandoned buildings, and in the parks around Asheville. We can love and serve these folks by donating our new or worn coats, thick blankets, mittens and gloves to ABCCM's "Safe and Warm Campaign". Just bring your

clothing donations to Grace, and put them in the marked barrel on the left in the foyer at church. Members of the Outreach Committee will make sure your clothing donations get to ABCCM.

If you would rather make a financial donation for heating assistance funding, please visit ABCCM's webpage: <https://www.abccm.org/donations/safe-and-warm/>.



PUBSING

Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and song! Our next PubSing is Sunday, February 12, 2023 at the [Cork & Keg](#). For further information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net

WEEKLY TAIZÉ

These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants and prayers. Although music forms a central part of the service it is mixed with comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation. Lighted mostly by candlelight in the sanctuary of Grace Church, the vesper light of approaching evening offers a safe and nurturing space for a well-deserved moment of peace in our hectic lives. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else.



For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: www.graceavl.com/taize-grace



MEN OF THE CHURCH" WANTS YOU! The group meets every second Tuesday eve, 6:00pm-8:00pm. **Who are we?** We are contributing members of the church whose meetings typically include fellowship, a nice meal, an assortment of beverages, and an opportunity to grow in both the Church and broader community. A small collection is taken at the meeting to cover costs, typically \$15. Meeting locations are sometimes hosted at respective member's homes or the Church Parish Hall. Beyond monthly meetings, the group is noted for staging an annual fundraising initiative for outreach (the Pig Pickin'!).

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE: Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Fr. Mike at 860-771-1656 or Rev. Milly at 828-772-1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.



WOMEN WALKING THE WAY:

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. 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 is 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!



ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at 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.



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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS



<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday Feb. 5	Children's Worship	Atrium
Sunday Feb 5 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Tuesdays 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

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OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Don Hawkins; Rusty Herman; Daniel and Hannah Johnston; Joan Mahon; Ginny Moser; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson; Barbara Wilcox....**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Bobbie Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Dorothy Engel; Ed Denison, Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Cys (Sis) Hayes; Shirley Turner....**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.) **Linda Adams; Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Wes Auret (godson of Elaine Potter); Lara Brongel and family** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Porter Claxton** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Jimmy Cole** (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); **Ann Derwort** (sister of Jeanne Sims); **Dan Ferree** (son of Gary Coffey's friend); **Woody Geizentanner** (friend of Pat & George Davis); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Angela High** (friend of Vicki Vest); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); **Ruth Kasza** (niece of Sydnor and Kelly Thompson); **Molly B** (friend of Gary Coffey and family); **Candy Kelly** (friend of Dodie King); **Bob Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Pam** (neighbor of Mike Reardon); **Sarah and Bo** (friends of Amy & Phillip Trees); **Wilma Wilson** (mother of Debbie Jones)....

We Grieve and Pray with the families of: **Lydia Lenore Lewaallen** (daughter of Debbie Lewallen); **Glenn Thomas** (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); **Ron Vince** (brother -in-law of Anne & Cliff); **Patricia Grace** (friend of Gael Paschall).

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); **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.

Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com or contact the church



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James Cassarino, *Director of Music*;

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Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*;

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Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*;

Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*