



Grace Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday
after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Wayne Wold

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *Christ for the World We Sing*

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Celebrant

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry, glo - ry,
glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal a - ges
run, While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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!

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62:6-14 (RECITED)

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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GOSPEL HYMN: *They Cast Their Nets in Galilee*

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

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

THE NICENE CREED

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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. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United) and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul’s, Edneyville, St. Paul’s, Morganton, and St. Paul’s, Wilkesboro... 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 and Ann; Joyce and Walt; Hannah; Laura and Tsz-Yan (GN); Sydnor and Kelly, Adair and Angela; Jacquie; Andy; Thandi.... Are there others?

Lector: We pray for those who have recently departed: Deb Pegel; and for those on the anniversaries of their deaths: Alma Drake, Ernestine Jones, Angie Vest, Mary Helen Lasker, Carolyn Spragins, Robert G. Barnes, Hans Schleicher, Cody Ingamils..... 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: Maisie Allen; Gavin Knapp; Judy Bohan; Cade Wooten; Pete Kuehne; Wayne Paton; Cheryl Deyton; Judy Booze; Kim Hayes; Emma Hall.... and those who have anniversaries: Jeanne and Ron Sims... 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, where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby, especially for those who are suffering from violence and oppression. 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.**

Celebrant:

God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes even 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. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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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.

Offertory sentences

Celebrant Let us now offer to God the fruits of our labors and our love.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Create in Me*

Henry Gerike

DOXOLOGY:

**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 II- ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

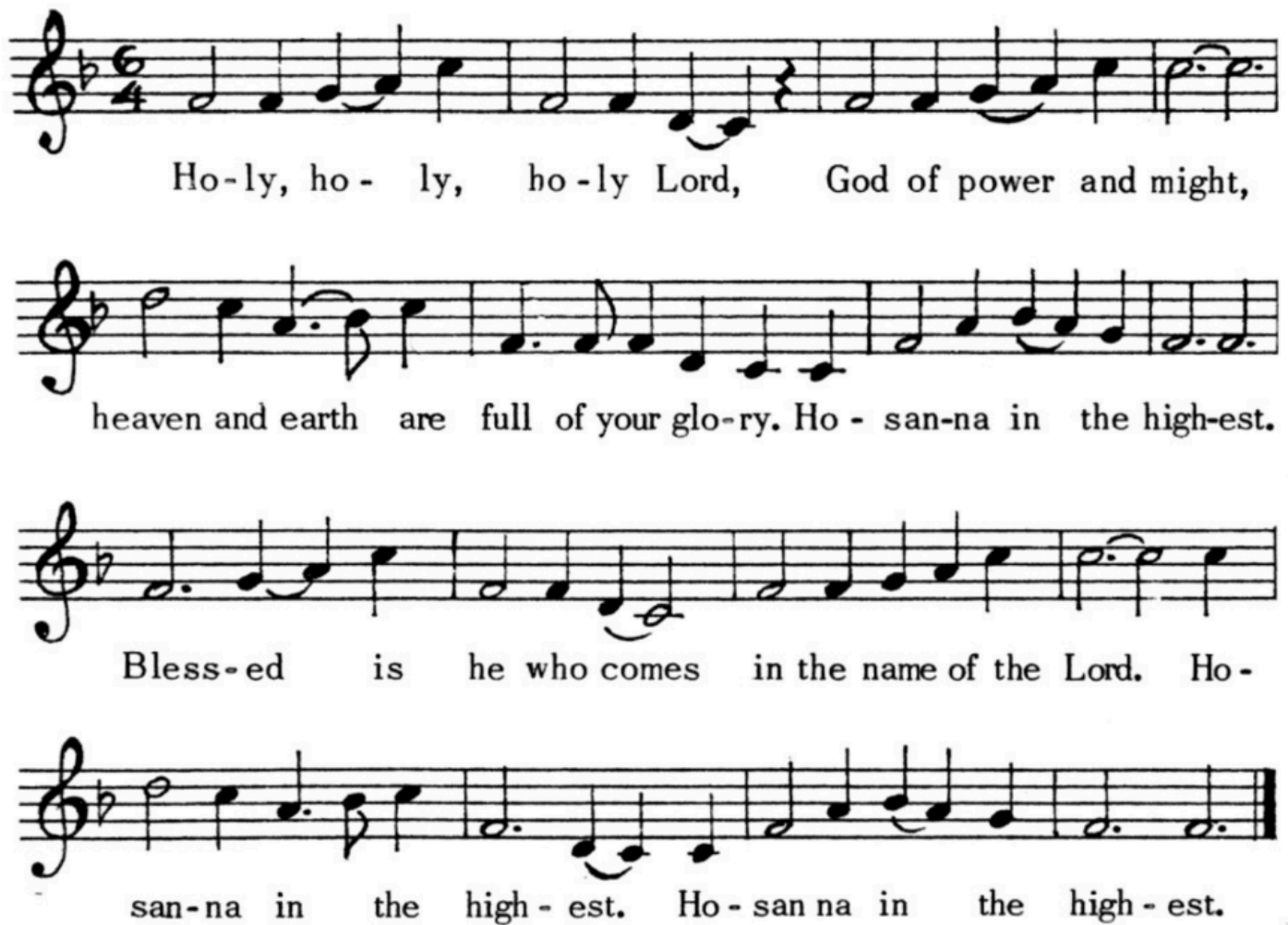
Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before you made the creation ready. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing :



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of His call to walk in love.

Then the time came for Him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of His life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before He died for us, Jesus was at table with His friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again He gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM *(spoken)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(gluten free wafers available upon request)*

COMMUNION HYMN : *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said:

Celebrant: In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share the Word, one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Rigaudon*

André Campra



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Georgi Bruce and David and Sally Withers in memory of Mary and George Royer and Stella and William Bruce..

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten in honor of Cheryl's and Cade's birthdays.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers Chalicerist: James Cannon

Lectors: Elaine Potter, Sally Withers Intercessor: Nancy Walters

Ushers: Katherine and Todd Kaderabek

Greeters: Bea and Jeff Russell, Chris Shaw

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at graceavl.com. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of



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our home page. Additional ways to give to our “*virtual collection plate*” and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN WALKING THE WAY: Thursday at 8:00 a.m. meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Join a group of women for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake, for deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus, in the world and in our community of Grace.

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 milly@graceavl.com.*

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 10:30am We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com/.

TAIZE: Tuesdays at 6pm Weekly Taize services are held in the sanctuary. 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

PASTORAL CARE

Reach out to us by emailing the team at Pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

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 milly@graceavl.com.*



THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 9a	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Tuesdays 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 9:30a	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1p	Tai Chi	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK ON HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONORS

Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful Christmas flowers this year.

Anonymous

Steve Birkhofer-In memory of departed Grace Church family. In Thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Pat & George Davis- In Thanksgiving for friends and family

Linda Devlin-In memory of Joseph Devlin. In Thanksgiving for so many years together

Carl Dobson-In memory of my parents Stella Smith Dobson & Dr. Charles W. Dobson

Cys Hay-In Thanksgiving for everything, absolutely everything

The Hooper Family-In Thanksgiving for Jim & Sharon Raines

Eleanor Jameson-In memory of my mother Mary Ida Sprague

Bonnie & Bob Kistler-In Thanksgiving for our grandchildren

Shari Lane-In Thanksgiving for Life, Health, Peace, Love & Joy

Debbie Lewallen-In memory of John & Lydia Lewallen. In Thanksgiving for Mary & Rachel Lewallen

Artus & Ginny Moser-In Thanksgiving for Grace

Kyle Rhodes & family-In memory of Georgette & Sylvester Gingerella. In Thanksgiving for all blessings

Greg & Shannon Townsend--in Thanksgiving for family and Grace

Louise Wernicke-In Thanksgiving for Father Mike's ministry

Joe Wood

Eric & Sarah Wood and Joe-In memory of Mary & Clifford and David and Barry Wood

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Joyce & Walt Noble; Ann and Don Lewis; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Hannah; Jackie Schauer; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson, Adair and Angela; Anya; Andy; Thandi Tutu-Gxashe.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Carl Dobson; Bobbie Eblen; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Shari Lane; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

David Albertson (cousin of Cliff Albertson); Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); Andy (son in law of Mary Nesbitt); Wes Auret (godson of Elaine Potter); Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); Cherie Brown (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Cherry Howe (friend of Rusty Herman and Janice Orson); Ashley Israel (daughter of Jennifer Witt); Bob Joaquin (father of Bea Russell's daughter in law); Jim Kaderabek (father of Todd Kaderabek); Candy Kelly (friend of Dodie King); Scott Mall (friend of Doug McClellan); Rev. Matt Linderman (friend of Mike Reardon); Dennis Mason (friend of Pat Walters); David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); Barney Noble (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); Meredith Peppers (cousin of Carole McClellan); Addy Poole (great nephew of Pat and George Davis); Steven and Monica Rockwell (friends of Rebecca and Mike Vines); Debbie and Pete Rouse (friends of Rebecca and Mike Vines); Ellen and Lance Shaner (friends of Rebecca and Mike Vines); Rhonda Stevens (friend of Ginny Moser); Linda and Barry Swaim (sister and brother in law of Cathy Adkins).

For Those who have died: **Deb Pegel**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown (grandson 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); Jonah Silvers (son of Mark Silvers and Chance Wyatt); Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).**

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael (our presiding Celebrant); José (our Celebrant); 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/ 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 pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth.

We are grateful you are among us today.