



Grace Episcopal Church

The First Sunday After the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 11, 2026

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Moment

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

Prelude: *Deo Gracias*

Healey Willan

The Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

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Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hurd



1. Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29

Give to the Lord you sons / **of God,**
Give to the Lord glo-ry **and praise,**
Give to the Lord the glory / **due his name;**
Adore the Lord in ho-ly **attire.**

The voice of the Lord is over / **the waters,**
The Lord, o-ver **vast waters.**
The voice of the / **Lord is mighty;**
The voice of the Lord / **is majestic.**

The God of glo-ry **thunders,**
And in his temple / **all say "Glory!"**
The Lord is enthroned a-**bove the flood;**
The Lord is enthroned as / **king forever.**

The Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness

of sins through his name.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *(standing)*

BCP 292

Celebrant I call upon you, 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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People: Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for The Church of the Province of West Africa; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Episcopal Church Women, and Daughters of the King.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Linda & David Adams, Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Nancy Lewis, The Reverend Timothy McRee, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Cate Scales, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, E Lydia Sweatt, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Ed & Marla Woeckener... Are there others?

Leader Let us give thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Winn Webster, Lynda Miller, Jenny Thomas, Blakely Marla Whitner, Anita Sayles, and Angel Stoudt, and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Joyce & Walter Noble.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have recently died, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Virginia Kennickell, Anita Maxwell, Merrell Gregory, Hal Sinclair, Margery Post, Austin Speed, Dave Hastings, Margie Nash, Carl Loftin, Ralph Morris, and Joseph Nolan, and for those who still grieve them...Are there others? For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is

known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 Anthem: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Alan Lovelace

Doxology

Old 100th

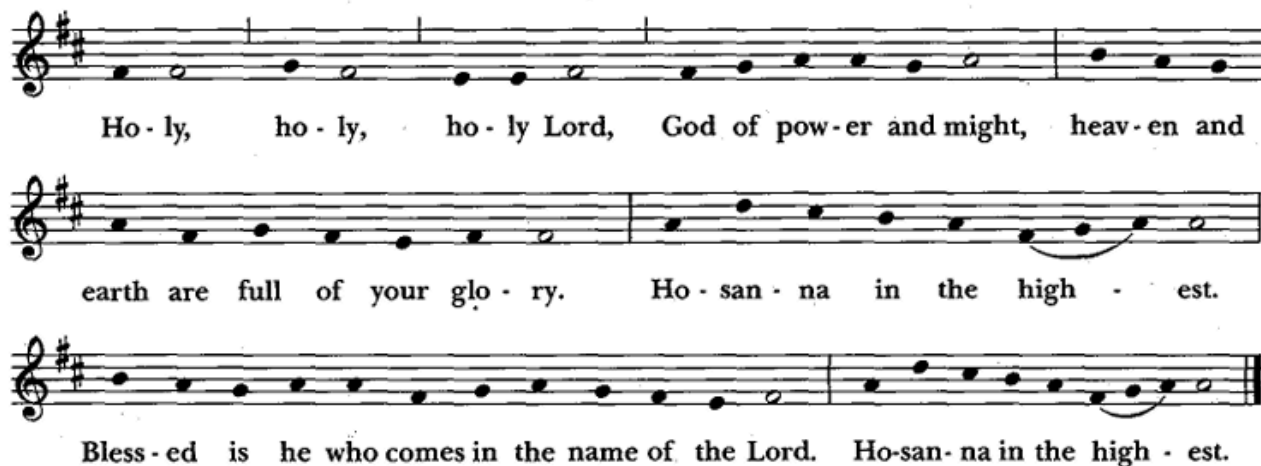
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus

Hurd

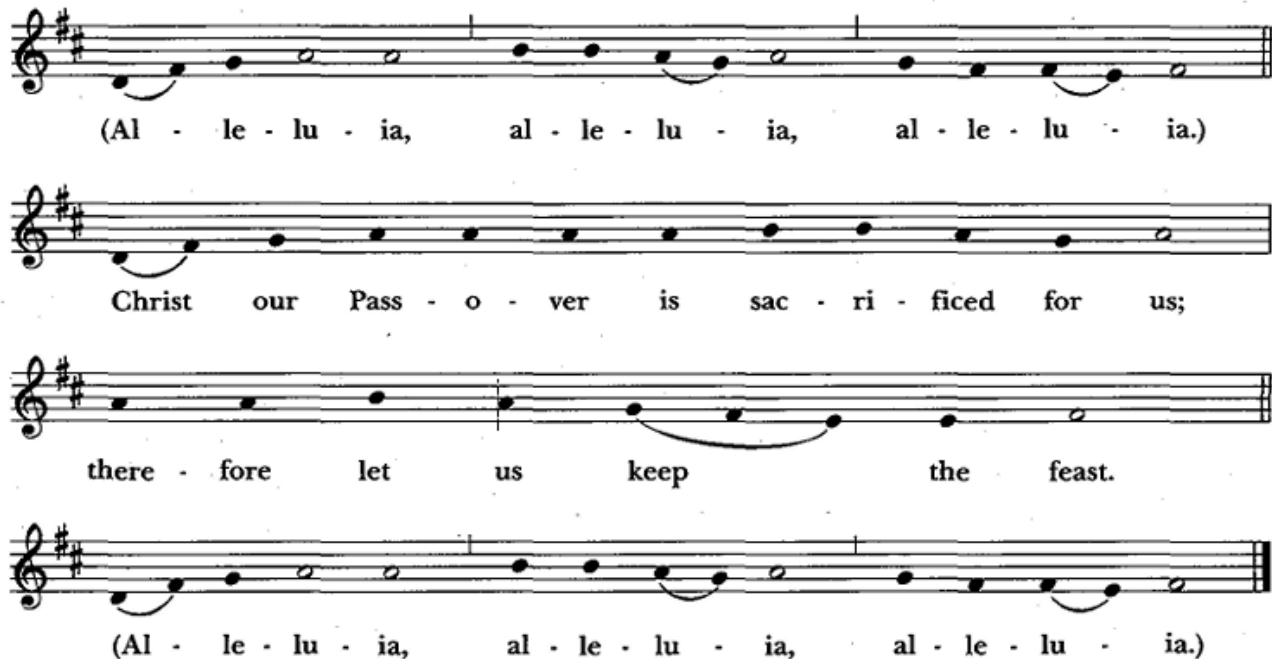


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hurd



Invitation to Communion

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

Communion Hymn: *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

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Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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 one bread and one cup.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude: *How Brightly Shines The Morning Star*

Robert Hobby



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

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Will Israel in honor of
his mother, Mary Israel.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Steve Birkhofer Torches: Courtney & Hannah Booth

Chalicer: Lorie Tola Lectors: Vicki Vest, Elaine Potter

Intercessor: Sara Howard Presenters: the Wood Family

Ushers: Todd & Katherine Kaderabek

Greeter: Jennifer Witt, Melanie Druckenmiller

Vestry Member of the Day: Elaine Potter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us After The Service

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for a fried chicken lunch with lots of sides, salads and desserts, , welcoming our new Rector, Robert Hartmans and his family, and attending the 2025 Annual Meeting. Please join us!

2025 Advent-in-a-Bag Wrap-up

Grace Church brings life and hope to Asheville's food insecure with a Record 91+ donated bags of food to ABCCM!

In these first days of the new year, let us thank and celebrate everyone who donated food via our Advent-in-a-Bag Campaign, and the donations from the food drive hosted by First Bank, North Asheville. Each can, bag, box and container of food you brought to Grace during the food drive is already helping to improve the lives of our neighbors via ABCCM's food distribution programs. Thank you, Grace, for your faith, heart and food donations.

Our Prayer List Needs Updating

In the first few weeks of 2026, the Prayers of the People and our Prayer List will be updated. If you would like the Pastoral Care Team to continue listing a name, please contact the church office – 828-254-1086 or office@graceavl.com – **no later than Sunday, January 18.**

Advocacy and Action

We will meet at noon on January 25 in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome. If you're interested in meeting with a group of like-minded Grace members and friends to discuss how we might help bring justice in a more effective and joyful way, together rather than alone, please send an email or text to Tahani Sticpewich (tahaniweb@gmail.com; 828-301-0550).

Altar Flower Donations

If you would like to honor or celebrate a family member, friend, or event with altar flowers, please contact Jennifer Witt at jmwitt5384@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care Prayer Requests

The Pastoral Care Team is asking that your prayer requests now be submitted to the team by using the Prayer Request Form, which can be found on our Website – Graceavl.com – or in the Growing in Grace Newsletter. This will ensure the accuracy of our master prayer list which is used to produce the bulletin, Prayers of the People and the GIG newsletter. Your Pastoral Care Team appreciates your support.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sunday mornings; Monday p.m.*

We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and a *Monday afternoon class from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for further information at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

Monday Morning Bible Study: *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com.

Taizé: *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé 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: graceavl.com/taize-grace.

Soaking Prayer: *Wednesdays at 12:00 noon*

Meets in the Sanctuary. This 45 minute service uniquely blends Holy Silence with Holy Spirit. The silence allows the Spirit to move deeper into the needs and life struggles that we face week-to-week.

Women Walking the Way: *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake for a walk around the lake and some spiritual reflection with like-minded women. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annaflewis7@gmail.com or call her at 815-441-2282.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Linda & David Adams, Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Nancy Lewis, Fr. Timothy McRee, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Cate Scales, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, E Lydia Sweatt, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Ed & Marla Woeckener.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Martha Boyette, Ed Denison, Walt & Joyce Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise). **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Bridget Black** (cousin of Lorie Tola); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Donna Boone** (mother of Hannah Buckner's daughter-in-law); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Molly Breslin** (friend of Gary Coffey); **Mary Daniels Chapman** and **Tim Chapman** (friends of Nancy Porter); **Marcie Coleman**; **Patty Deviney** (friend of Gary Coffey); **Peter Fitzpatrick** (friend of Eleanor Jameson); **Jill Franklin** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Alex Freeman** (son-in-law of Rusty Herman); **Randy Herron** (friend of Lucy & Larry Bowen); **Jenny Gettys** (sister of Katherine Kaderabek); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Jim Kaderabek**, (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Sue Larsen** (sister of Kristen Dusenbery); **Ian MacBryde** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Bunky Manship** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (husband of Daniel McRee); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Megan** (friend of George & Pat Davis); **Diana Noble** (daughter of Walt & Joyce Nobel); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip & Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Valerie** (daughter of Sharon & Jim Rains); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); **Peter John Rouse, Sr.** (grandfather of Mike Vines); **Susan Thigpen**; **Helen Toms** (friend of Louise Wernicke); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Ron & Jeanne Sims).

For those celebrating birthdays: **Winn Webster, Lynda Miller, Jenny Thomas, Blakely Marla Whitner, Anita Sayles, Angel Stoudt.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Joyce & Walter Noble.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Buckner); **John Davids** (nephew of Elaine Potter); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda

McCredie); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael Paschall); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Sean**, our presiding Bishop; **José**, our Bishop; **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish**; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church of the Province of West Africa**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Episcopal Church Women, and Daughters of the King**.

For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.



Grace's Mission Statement

Grace Church exists as a diverse community of the Body of Christ, to serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Our mission is to nurture and develop each individual to reach out and share God's love.



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The Reverend Robert Hartmans, *Rector*

The Reverend Timothy McRee, The Reverend John Rice, *Clergy*

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