

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

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**W**E are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate ***THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

Mass Setting: *Grace Mass*

Edward Ivor Wagner, 1987

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.

Voluntary: *Ich ruf' zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ*

Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750)

ENTRANCE RITE AND THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit (*choir*) *Venite adoremus*

Mode II

[Antiphon] O COME, LET US WORSHIP our God, and let us bow down before the Lord: let us kneel before him, who made us: for he is the Lord our God. [Psalm] O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [Repeat antiphon.]

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless-ed be God: ♫ Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People: And bles-sed be his king-dom, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

Cantor - *All*

[Ky-ri- e e- lei- son.] Ky-ri- e e- lei- son. Ky-ri- e e- le- i- son.

Cantor *All*

[Chris-te e- lei- son.] Chris-te e- lei- son. Chris-te e- lei- son.

Cantor *All*

Ky-ri- e e- lei- son.] Ky- ri- e e- lei- son. Ky-ri- e e- le- i- son.



Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

Cantor

All

[Glo-ry be to God on high,] and on earth peace, good will towards men. We
 praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri- fy thee, we give
 thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther Al- migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly- be- got-ten Son,
 Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-
 way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up- on us. Thou that tak- est a- way the
 sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that sit- test at the right hand of
 God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up- on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou
 on-ly art the Lord; thou on- ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, ^{*} art most
 high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A- men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: (monotoned) And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

SET US FREE, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

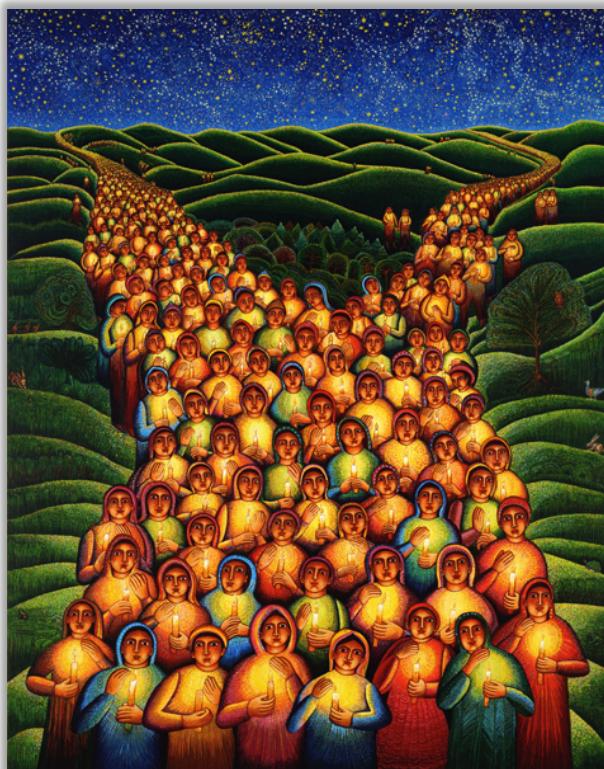
The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58: 1-9a, [9b-12] *[NRSV]*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

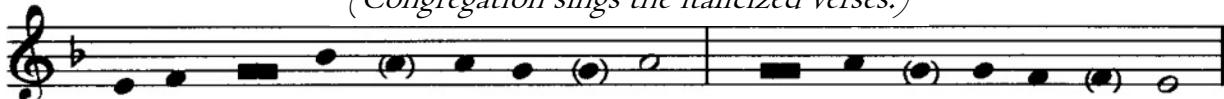
SHOUT OUT, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they 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.]

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



Festival of Lights ~ John August Swanson, 2000



1 BLESSED is the man that | feareth the LORD;
 * *he hath great delight in / his commandments.*

2 *His seed shall be / mighty u^pon earth;*
 * *the generation of the faithful / shall be blessed.*

3 Riches and plenteousness shall | be in his house;
 * and his righteousness en- | dureth ^ for ever.

4 *Unto the godly there ariseth up / light in ^ the darkness;*
 * *he is merciful, / loving ^ and righteous.*

5 A good man is merci- | ful and lendeth;
 * and will guide his | words with ^ discretion.

6 *For he shall / never be mov'd;*
 * *and the righteous shall be had in ever- / lasting ^ remembrance.*

7 He will not be afraid of any | evil tidings;
 * for his heart standeth fast and be- | lieveth in ^ the LORD.

8 *His heart is stablished / and will not shrink,*
 * *until he see his desire up- / on his en^emies.*

9 He hath dispersed abroad, and | given to ^ the poor,
 * and his righteousness remaineth for ever;
 his horn shall be ex- | alted ^ with honour.

10 *The ungodly shall see it and / it shall grieve him;*
 * *he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away;*
 the desire of the un- / godly ^ shall perish.

The Epistle: I Corinthians 2: 1-12 [13-16] [NRSV]

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.]

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia *Laudate Dominum*

Tone VI



Choir: O PRAISE THE LORD, all ye nations: laud him all ye peoples.



Shine ~ Mike Moyers, 2013

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 13-20 [RSV]

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

People: ✕ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

“YOU are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rowena J. Kemp, Rector

The Nicene Creed from *Missa de Angelis* (*sung by all*)
Cantor

See standard translation on Prayer Book p. 326
All



Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,
I believe in one God, the-Father almighty,



fa-cto-rem coe-li et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um o - - mni-um, et in-vi-si-bi - - li-um.
maker of-heaven and of-earth, visible of-all-things and invisible.



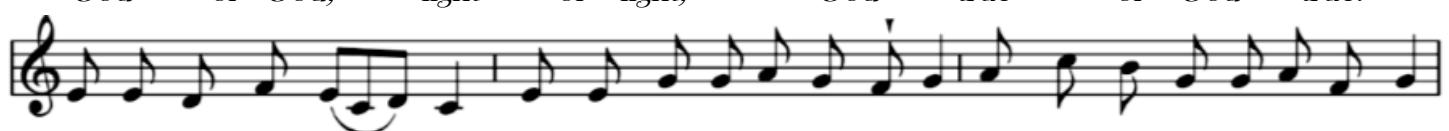
Et in u-num Do-mi-num Je-sum Chri-stum, Fi-li-um De-i u-ni-ge-ni-tum,
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the-Son of-God only-begotten,



et ex Pa-tre na - - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - - cu - la.
and from the-Father born before all worlds.



De-um de De-o, lu-men de lu-mi-ne, De-um ve-rum de De-o ve-ro.
God of God, light of light, God true of God true.



Ge-ni-tum, non fa - - ctum, con-sub-stan-ti - a-lem Pa-tri: per quem o-mni-a fa-cta sunt.
Begotten, not made, of-one-substance with-the-Father: by whom all-things made were.



Qui pro-pter nos ho-mi-nes, et pro-pter no-stram sa-lu-tem de-scen-dit de coe-lis.
Who for us humans, and for our salvation descended from heaven,
p (Here genuflect)

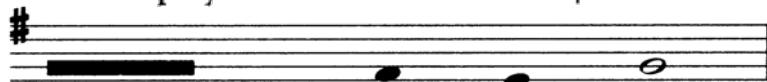


Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu San- cto ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne: et ho-mo fa-ctus est.
And incarnate was by the-Spirit Holy of Mary the-Virgin: and human made was.

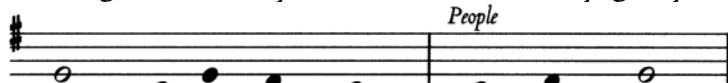


f (Here rise)
Cru-ci - fi - - xus e-ti-am pro no - bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to pas-sus et se-pul - - tus est.
Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and buried was.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. *(Silence)*



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. *(Sung after every intercession)*

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Watch over thy child *Soraya*, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of her life. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad *[especially N.]* Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *(pause)*; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled *(pause)*; and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. *(Silence)*
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



A - men.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you,  pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

COME UNTO ME, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

The Peace


Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.


People: And with thy spirit.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (choir) *Perfice gressus meus*

Mode IV

MY FOOTSTEPS have held fast to thy paths, O God, and my feet have not stumbled nor slipped: incline thine ear unto me and hear thou the words of my mouth: show thou me thy marvelous loving-kindness, thou Savior of them that put their trust in thee, O Lord God.

Anthem (choir)

Jane M. Marshall, 1957

HE COMES TO US as One unknown, without a name, as of old by the lakeside he came to those men who know him not. He speaks to us, he speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands, and to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience, who he is.

Albert Schweitzer, 1948

Hymn 497 (*sung by all*)

"How bright appears the Morning Star"

Wie schön leuchtet

1. How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3. Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Presentation of the alms and oblations

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

Hymnal S 112

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up un - to the LORD.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

WHO by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

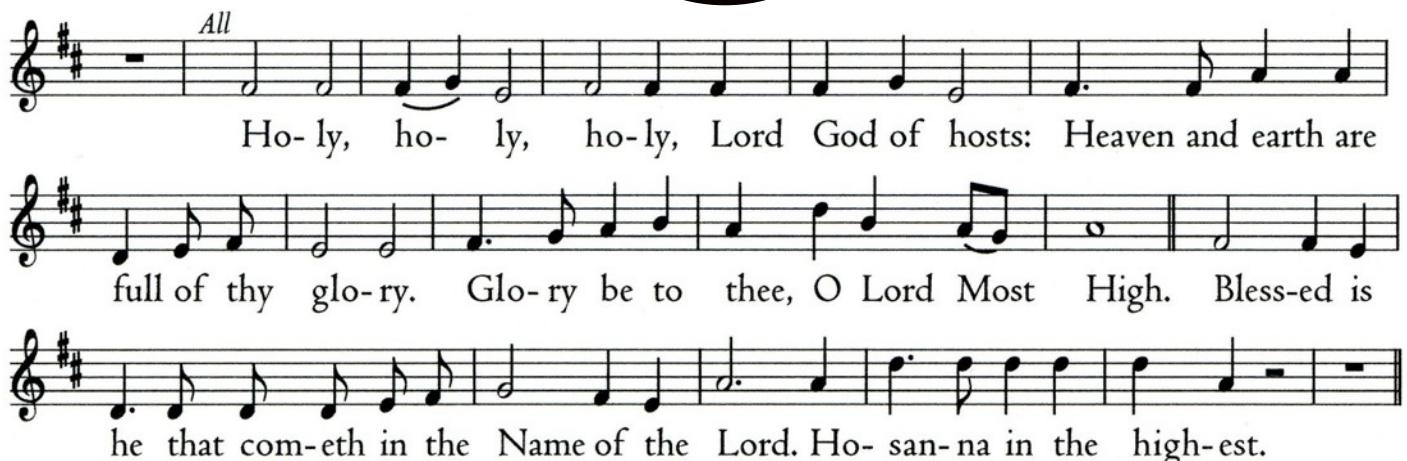


Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

All

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are
full of thy glo- ry. Glo- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless-ed is
he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high-est.



The Canon of the Mass

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✺

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✺

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✺ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

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• o o
A- men.



The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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

Our Fa- ther, who art in hea- ven, hal- low- ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea- ven.
Give us this day our dai- ly bread. And for- give us our tres- pas- ses,
as we for- give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to
temp- ta- tion, but de-liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power, and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The Fraction

Celebrant
Al- le- lu- ia. Christ our Pass-o- ver is sac-ri- ficed for us.
People
There- fore let us keep the feast. Al- le- lu- ia.



Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

Cantors
[O Lamb of God, that tak- est a- way the sins of the world,]
All
have mer- cy u- pon us. [O Lamb of God, that tak- est a- way the
Cantors
sins of the world,] have mer- cy u- pon us. [O Lamb of God, that
All
tak- est a- way the sins of the world,] grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Introibo ad altare*

Mode VIII

O MAY I GO UNTO THE ALTAR of God, yea, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Hymn 641 (*sung by all*)

"Lord Jesus, think on me"

Southwell

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,

from harm - ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me thy lov-ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom -ised rest.
through dark - ness and per-plex - i - ty point thou the heaven-ly way.
I may the e-ter - nal bright- ness see, and share thy joy at last.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✕ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel

St. John I:1-14

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: ✕ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.



(*Here genuflect*) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

AVE REGINA CAELORUM, Ave Domina Angelorum. Salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude Virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa. Vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

[Hail, O Queen of heaven, Hail, O Lady of Angels. Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate, from whom unto the world a light has risen. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovely beyond all others. Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.]



THE ANGELUS

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

People: Be it unto me according to thy word.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(*Here genuflect*) *Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

(*Here rise*) *People:* And dwelt among us.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 344 (*sung by all*)

"Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - obey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.


Voluntary: *In Dir ist Freude*

J. S. Bach



Anonymous. Spirit with Sevenfold Gifts; 19th century; St. Mary's Iffley

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Please join us for

THE ANNUAL MEETING of
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



TODAY ~ Sunday, February 8th, 2026

following the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Please plan to bring a dish/dessert to share.

Kindly check in with Adrienne Brown to find out what we still need.



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Sunday, February 8 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about. [For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.]

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.

Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- **Bishops and Clergy:** Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury designate*; Sean, *Presiding Bishop*; Jeffrey and Laura, *Bishops of ECCT*; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will; for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; church musicians: organists; choirs & choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; and parish & diocesan committees on liturgy, music & worship. *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*.
- **World & Community Concerns:** For peace throughout the world, especially in Minneapolis; between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Nigeria, Sudan, the Congo and Somalia; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- **Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):** Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- **Thanksgiving and Celebrations:** We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Soraya Rivera Apolinar (Sat.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- **Sick or in need:** Walter & Claudia; Stephen & Ratana; Peter; Veronica & the Rovetti Family; Lucy; Jane; Paulo Junior; Felix & Carmen; Mark; Jerry; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Tom; Kristen & Quintin; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Soncia; Tom; Gail; Camden; Joan; David; Neil; Lea; Megin; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Michael; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- **The Deceased:** We pray for the repose of Charles J. Morris, Kellerman Swann, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Dorothy Leyendecker, Tina Wilson, Josephine Melusky, Stephen Snover, Harry Glasner, and Vosie Barbour Swann.

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**Sunday, February 8** *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:00 am: Low Mass  
10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on *YouTube*)  
~12:15 p.m.: **ANNUAL MEETING** (lunch potluck)

**Tuesday, February 10**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Wednesday, February 11** *Feria*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours  
7:00 p.m.: *Choir Rehearsal*

**Thursday, February 12** *Feria*

10:00 a.m.: “*A Place of Grace*” food pantry distribution

**Friday, February 13** *Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818*

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Sunday, February 15** *The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

~ *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on *YouTube*)



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Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY  
and DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9:15 A.M. Low Mass  
6:00 P.M. Solemn High Mass