



Grace Episcopal Church

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First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2025 – 10:30 am
Festival Eucharist, Rite I



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Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Salzburg'

James Biery (b. 1956)

The people stand

INTROIT

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; where fore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. My heart overfloweth with a good matter: I speaketh of the things which I have made concerning the King.

HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 323

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**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 324

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.

Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

GLORIA S-202

Healey Willan

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. 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, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - - - - - men.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29:1-5, 7-11

Peter Hallock

Sung by the choir.

ANTIPHON

Psalm 29: 3a

Organ: *Everyone:*

The voice of the Lord is up - on the wa-ters.

Choir: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; the voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore. The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession.

GRADUAL

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, which only doeth wondrous things. The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Lord.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Turner

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this holy day, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and all its works, and promised to serve God faithfully as the Body of Christ, the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP, p. 292

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 Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI; BCP, p. 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your 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.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord who hath showed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The waters of life

Janes Biery

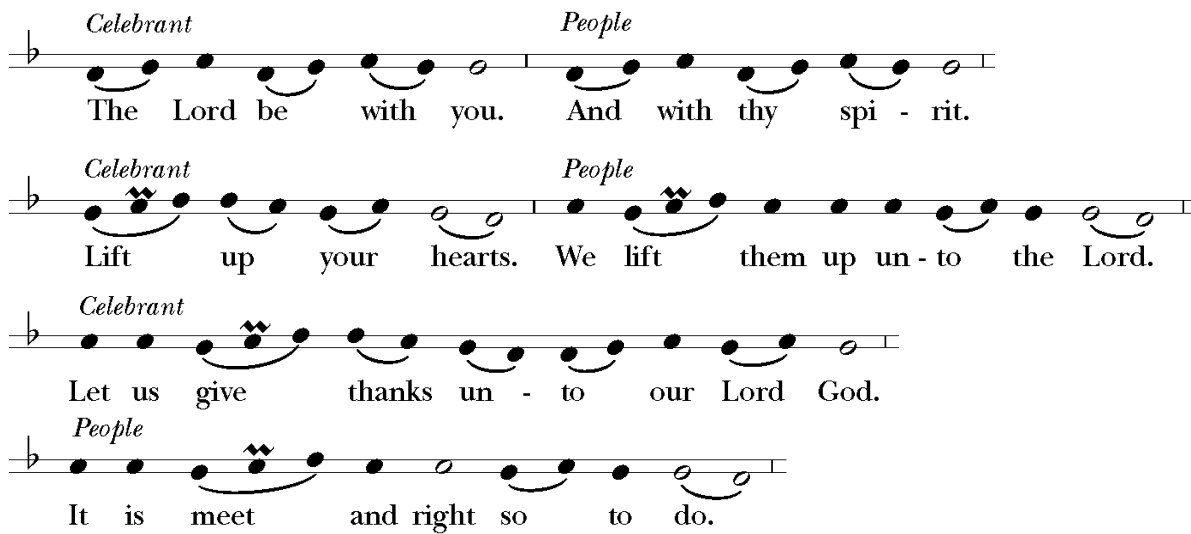
*The voice of God calls us above the waters,
The glory of the Son shines on us,
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

Solemnis haec festivitas



Celebrant
The Lord be with you. *People*
And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. *People*
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

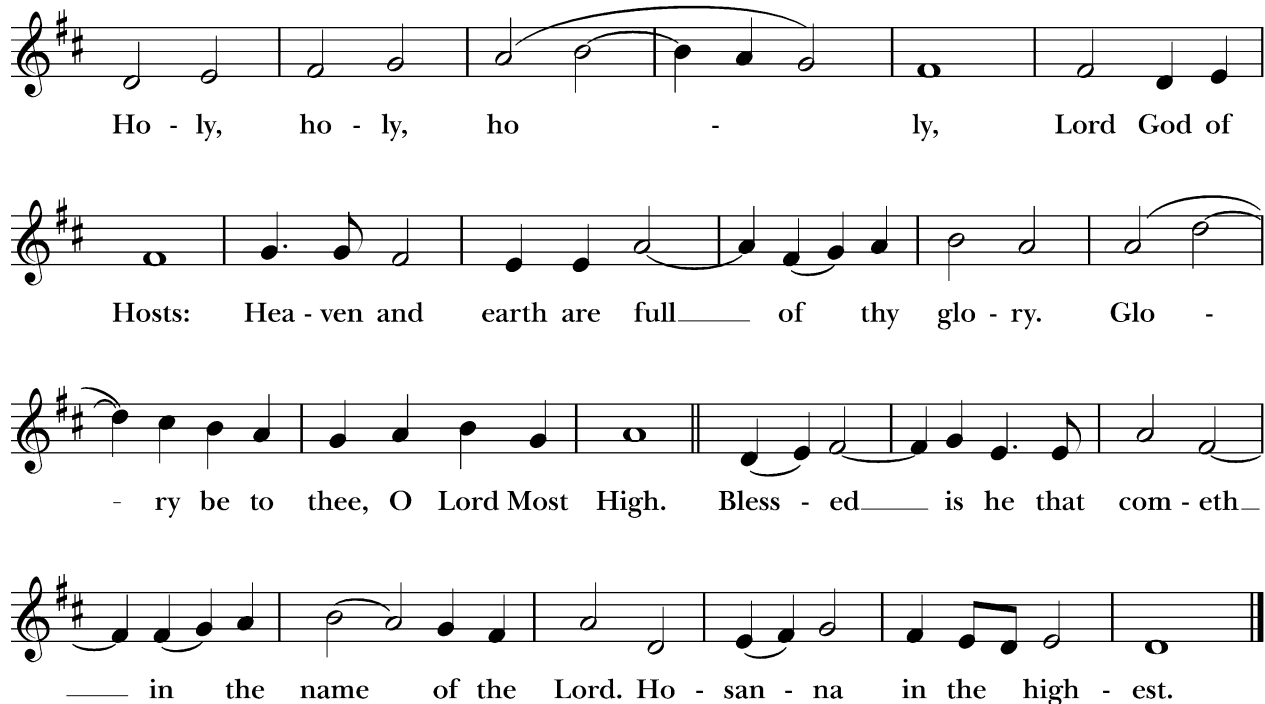
People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Hymnal S-114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven 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.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.

Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.

A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

As many of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
 2 (Part - ing) wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
 3 (Cleans-ing) wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness day's be -
 cap - tives passed on through, wash-ing off the chains of
 round the one fore - told, o - pened to re - veal the

gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death. 2 Part - ing
 bond - age chan - nel to a life made new. 3 Cleans-ing
 glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old. 4 Liv - ing

optional Descant

Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end - ing, _____ quench the thirst and
 wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the

flood the soul. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our
 soul. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our

dry - ness, make us whole, drench our dry - ness, make us
 dry - ness, make us whole, drench our dry - ness, make us

whole.
 whole.

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line, which includes the word 'whole.' and a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.

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THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I 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 share in one bread, one cup.**

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Christ unser herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
("Christ our Lord came to the Jordan")

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.
Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.*

Music Notes

James Biery (born 1956) is an American organist, composer and conductor who is Minister of Music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, where he directs the choirs, plays the 66-rank Klais organ and oversees the music program of the church.

Biery's setting on the hymn tune 'Salzburg' is surprisingly quiet given the nature of the hymn. It features a wave like figuration on top of the re-harmonized hymn tune and creates a reflective atmosphere.

The Waters of Life by James Biery is a setting of the text from the Rite of Baptism for Children is especially suitable for today's feast of the Baptism of our Lord. The accompaniment creates undulation much like water with swaying motion. The piece starts quietly and gradually grows to a fortissimo and diminishes in dynamic.

J.S. Bach's chorale arrangement of Christ unser herr zum jordan kam, BWV 684 ("Christ our Lord came to the Jordan") is brimming with cheerfulness. Luther's hymn is one with a very special promise: that of a new life. Christ was baptised in the Jordan by St John, and he baptises us to cleanse us of our sins. But the baptismal water is no ordinary water, as it is coloured with the blood of Christ. Through the water of death, the person baptised is reborn in Christ. While the chorale melody sounds in long notes in the pedal, the river water ripples gaily in fast notes over two keyboards, without being turned anywhere along the banks. In the four-voiced arrangement, there are many question and answer games between the three highest parts, which emphasize once again the carefree unity of those being purified
(<https://www.bachvereniging.nl>)

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Emma Brice
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	Mother Anne Michele Turner
<i>Subdeacon</i>	June Huber
<i>Children's Chapel</i>	Noah Aukerman
<i>Lector</i>	Mary Stewart
<i>Intercessor</i>	Jane Rosman
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Bill Malone
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Bill Eckel, Cindy MacIntyre, Mary Stewart
<i>Live Stream Crew</i>	Jay Legere, Sarah Schultz
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Kemp Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 12, 2025

Announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words.

Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.



The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

BUDGET FORUM TODAY, JANUARY 12TH

This year's forum on the Annual Budget will take place today, Sunday, January 12th. The forum will be held in the auditorium immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. There will also be two shorter forums held. The first forum will be held for attendees of Little Church in the St. John room at 9:45 a.m., allowing time for parents to take children to their Sunday School rooms after Little Church. There will also be a shorter forum held in the auditorium for La Gracia at 10:15 am, with Spanish interpretation provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH!

Grace Church will hold our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. With our theme of “A Year of Grace,” the meeting will occur within the framework of a Eucharistic service. **There will be no 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., or 5 p.m. services that day.** Please note, this is an in-person meeting with no livestream or zoom component.

The meeting will include highlights of parish ministry over the past year as well as the election of 5 candidates for 3-year terms. Information on Vestry candidates will be sent via email the week before the meeting. The Canons of the Diocese do not allow proxy or absentee voting. In accordance with Diocesan canons, all adult communicants (those age 16 and older) who are in good standing in Grace Church may vote in the Annual Meeting. Childcare is available in the nursery (infants – toddlers). Childrens’ Chapel will be held during a portion of the meeting (preschool – elementary) with children returning after the Peace to share in Eucharist. A time of fellowship follows for all ages.

ANNUAL MEETING FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS

The Fellowship committee would welcome any food donations for the fellowship time with refreshments for all ages. Please bring your savory or sweet brunch finger foods, breads, fruit, etc. to the Merrow Hall kitchen on Sunday, January 26th from 8:45-10:15 before the service/meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION DAY - MORNING PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church will mark Inauguration Day and an intentional time of prayer on the day itself. We invite you to join us for Morning Prayer on Monday, January 20th, at 9:00 am in the nave, as we lift our hearts in prayer for our nation. Together, we will pray for wisdom to guide our new President, and for God to keep this nation under his care, and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

GET READY FOR THE GRACE CHILI BOWL FEBRUARY 2ND!

Put your chef's hat on! The famed Grace Chili Bowl returns Sunday, February 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The annual chili cook-off and fundraiser is a highlight of Grace's social calendar. Bring your appetites and your dollar bills to vote for your favorites. Admission is \$5 and includes all the chili you can eat! Interested in forming a team to compete? Please contact Robby Schrum (robert.schrump@gmail.com) or Father Santiago Rodriguez (santiago.rodriguez@gracealex.org).

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

A 2025 PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges are vital to our planning and preparation for the coming year, specifically in the area of budget creation. Our Pledge Goal for 2025 is \$850,000. Thanks to your generosity, **as of January 6th, we have received 128 pledges totaling \$740,838.40.** If you have any questions or didn't receive the initial mailing with information and a pledge card, please contact giving@gracealex.org with your name and address so we can ensure you receive the materials. You may so make your pledge online via the Grace website, www.gracealex.org. Thank you!

YOUTH NIGHT LASER TAG - JANUARY 19TH, 6:00-8:00 PM

A beloved tradition of the Grace Church youth is back this month! Join us for a night of laser tag fun on January 19th from 6-8pm. Please eat dinner before coming and bring a full water bottle (there is not a water fountain there). Let us know if you're coming or bringing a friend by RSVPing here. Reach out to Mother Emma for more details. Scan the QR code to sign up!



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADULT FORUM JANUARY SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40-10:15 am in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

January 12: Grace at Work: Teaching, by Eleanor Reed and Katy Pattarini

January 19: Understanding the Current Housing Insecurity in Alexandria, by Lynn Rohrs and Noah Aukerman

January 26: ANNUAL MEETING - NO ADULT FORUM OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES IN JANUARY: EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

It's impossible to be spiritually mature, while remaining emotionally immature. Explore how emotional health is vital to spiritual maturity with *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. Father Santiago Rodriguez will lead a three-part series on Mondays: January 13th, 20th, and 27th. We will gather in the St. Mark's Room at 7:00 pm. Together, we'll dive into the book's transformative insights on spiritual growth, emotional intelligence, and the path toward integration. All are welcome!

STAFF WORKDAYS

The office will be closed on Tuesday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 15th, for staff off-site workdays.

CALL FOR ADULT FORUM PRESENTERS

We are still scheduling Adult Forum presenters for 2025. We would like to hear from more people in our "Grace at Work" series, where people talk about how they live out their faith in their work lives; there will be an opportunity in the spring to share meaningful books; and new topic suggestions are also welcome. If you have an idea of something you'd like to present, or something you'd like someone else to present, please contact Anne Clift Boris.

MORNING PRAYER RESUMES

Beginning on January 28th, the clergy will resume saying Morning Prayer together Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join this short (20-30 minute) service in the Malm Narthex.

PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

- **Parishioners:** Virginia, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Mario, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Larry, Susie, Otto, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Duke, Lisa, Igor, David & Joanie, Anne, Mary Ann.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Eles, Mary Ann, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cyndy, Scott, Jean, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Don, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Renee, Patrick, Ashby, Troy, Ada, Gen, Dick, Danny, Lew, Cathie, Cameron, Ellen, Patti & Joe, Claudia, Amy, Bill, Markita, Theresa, Judy & Bryan, Rob, Sherry, Amanda & Kurt, Mike & Silvia, Al, Pearl, Heather.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Madeline, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, interim head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tanzania Mission; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; and all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or studying:** Chris & Melissa Reed; Owen Malone & Miles Malone.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; Christ Church, Luray.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Lango, The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of West Lango, The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Langtang, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lebombo, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Leeds, The Church of England; The Diocese of Leicester, The Church of England.

You can fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 14	<i>Suzy McQuilkin, Betty Mills, Liam Villella</i>
Wednesday, January 15	<i>Luis Odria, Peter Spencer</i>
Thursday, January 16	<i>William Bombo</i>
Friday, January 17	<i>Caroline Legere</i>
Saturday, January 18	<i>Cathy David</i>



*Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!***

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 1/12	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 1/13	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday 1/14	Office Closed for Staff off-side workday (all day)		
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 1/15	Office Closed for Staff off-side workday (all day)		
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 1/16	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 1/17	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 1/18	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org