

Grace Church in the Mountains

January 26, 2020 | 8:00 am

WORDS OF WELCOME

Ending with the ringing of a bell.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people stand.

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

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

SONG OF PRAISE (*spoken together*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

Spoken responsively by half-verse, indicated by the asterisk.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *All stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing or kneel.

The Presider and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially...
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially....
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

The People may add their own petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says this or something similar:

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand as the offerings are brought forward.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 & INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Presider: Alleluia. Christ the Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you forward to receive the body and blood. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Please stand.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

When scheduled.

Deacon In the name of our parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that {N.} to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER. *Please stand.*

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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 upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon/Presider
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Crystal Clary (2020)

Dale McDonald, Jr. Warden (2021)

Patricia (Pat) Robinson (2022)

Mary Hartman, Sr. Warden (2020)

Lauri SoJourney (2021)

Laurel Destry (2022)

Kenneth Ratcliffe (2020)

Mary Lockey (2021)

Michael Lodico (2022)

Sandra Curtis, Treasurer Karen Morris, Clerk

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Members of Grace Church:** Ben & Joanne, Sallee, Kathy, Mary Lou, Harriet, and our Homebound Members: Betty Shore, Ken Roach, Evelyn Overman, Elizabeth Clark, & Katherine Calhoun.
- For those who have died:** Dot Reid
- Friends of Grace:** Dale & Trish, Jeremy, Ethan, Ruth, Anthony, Spencer, Telina, Brenda's caregiver - Nicki, Deborah, Kay, Chris, Marcia, Ida, Christy, Martha, Kathryn, Ann, Clint, Roney, Bruce, Carolyn & Rosemary, Major, Elaina, Robert & Joyce, Roxanne, Ila & Leslea, Bob & Teresa, Peter, Dale & Trish, Jeff & Judy, Peter, Jack, Carol & Patrick, Karey, Jane, Greg, Curtis, Steven, Donald, Jeff, Doug & Ruth, Carol Deeser - Sue Volgas' mother
- In our Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil The Most Rev'd Naudal Alves Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba; Church of Our Saviour, Lincoln

SERVING TODAY

- Altar Guild** Melanie Cyre, Mary Lockey
- Collection Counters** Fred Deeb, Dale McDonald
- Eucharistic Visitors** Jim Treston visiting Evelyn Overman; Bob Stambaugh visiting Betty Shore
- Coffee Hour** Laren & John Sutton
- Lector** Lorelei Yerse
- Eucharistic Ministers** Linda Deeb, Lorelei Yersi

Flowers are given to the Glory of God

HAPPENING TODAY

EDUCATION HOUR @ 9:15 am:

Quarterly Vestry Meeting in Thatcher Hall: The Vestry will present the Mission Focus for 2020 and share the year-end financial ministry statement for 2019 and the operating budget that will fund our ministries for 2020.

Children's Education - Across from Library, led by Sarah Yeargin

Cold Grace: Our week offering a safe warm sleeping space for homeless mothers with children begins TODAY. If you are available any night of that week contact Paula Welling.

THIS WEEK

**indicates open to all*

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| Sunday, Jan. 26 | 7:00 pm | Cold Grace Begins |
| Monday, Jan. 27 | Noon | Deadline for bulletin announcements* |
| | 6:30 | Education for Ministry Class (EfM) |
| Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 4:00 | Outreach Committee* |
| Wednesday, Jan. 29 | 10:00 | Disciple Bible Study* |
| | Noon | Healing Service with Eucharist* |
| Thursday, Jan. 30 | 10:00 | Marthas Knitting Group* |
| | 6:00 | Sisters of Grace Bible Study Group |
| Saturday, Feb. 1 | 9:00 | Men of Grace Breakfast* |
| Sunday, Feb. 2 | 5:00 | The Gathering/Chili Cookoff/Superbowl Party* |

Announcements

Super Bowl Party: Join your Grace family Sunday, February 2 at 6:15 pm (after The Gathering) for a Super Bowl Chili Cookoff. Bring your best pot of chili or a dish to go with for the biggest competition of the year. Prizes will be awarded. There will also be football.

The Gathering, our contemporary-style worship service, meets next Sunday, 2/2, at 5:00 pm. Our theme is “Love Wins”. This is a great Sunday to check out The Gathering and stay for football.

Men of Grace Social Group breakfast: The next breakfast meeting is Saturday, Feb. 1 at 9:00 am in Thatcher Hall. All men of the church are invited to engage in good food and even better fellowship. Bring a friend!

Clergy Discretionary Fund: Next Sunday all loose cash collected is deposited into the Clergy’s Discretionary Fund. Any checks specifically marked for Clergy’s Discretionary Fund will also be included in that deposit. These funds are used at the Clergy’s discretion to help those in need.

Pantry Sunday: Next Sunday is also Pantry Sunday. We will need volunteers to take the bags down to the pantry after each service and put items away. Suggested donations for this month are whole grain, low sugar cereals. If you would like to support the Food Pantry with a monetary donation, you may place a check in the offertory plate made payable to Grace Church with “Outreach” marked on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

Share Love For the next two Sundays (February 2 and 9), we will again be signing little Valentines for homebound, healing, and/or grieving members of Grace Church. Supplies for this "care-a-lot" project will be available in Thatcher Hall. Please stop by, select your choice of love notes, grab a list of possible recipients, and write your tiny cards to personalize while at church (or take some home to sign and return by Sunday, February 9)

Lenten Retreat-Icon Writing: Icon writing is a spiritual discipline and form of prayer, and a meaningful way to spend time in Lent. This icon writing retreat, led by Melissa Moss, will be held in a holy atmosphere at Lake Logan Conference Center March 2-7, 2020. Registration deadline is February 18, 2020. For more information visit www.lakelogan.org/event/icon-writing or call (828) 646-0095.

Arts Ministry: Will meeting monthly on the 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the choir room. A Lenten Retreat and craft-making events are in the works. Please join us!

Help Wanted: A volunteer for the reception desk in the office on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Answer phones, interact with the public and help the Parish Administrator as needed. Contact Edwina Costley or the church office if you can help.