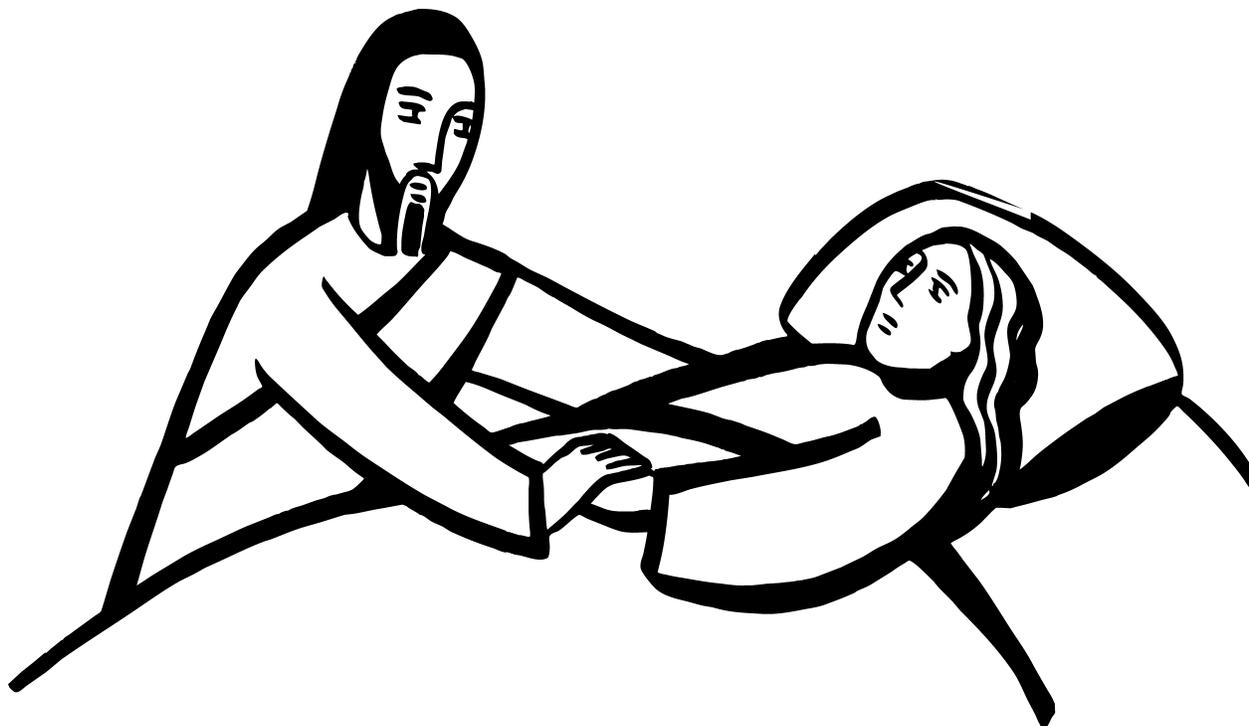


# Grace Church in the Mountains

February 7, 2021 | 8:00 & 10:30 am | Zoom



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## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

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Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

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PRELUDE:

Prelude in D Minor

J.S. Bach  
1685-1750

WORDS OF WELCOME

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OPENING HYMN#401

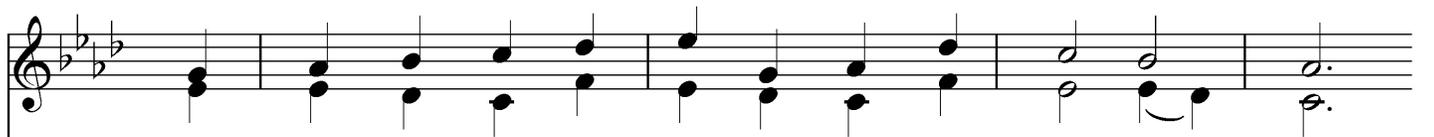
The God of Abraham Praise

Augustine

Vs. 1,4,5



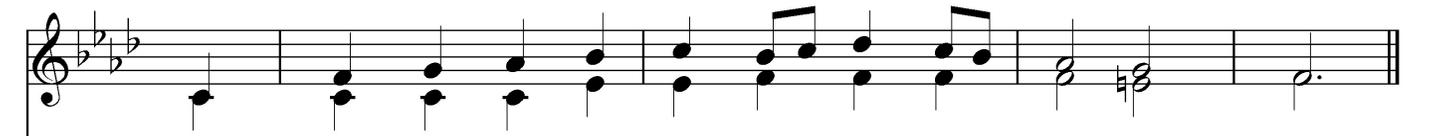
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 am spoken Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.  
*Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re,*

Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.  
*ne lais - se pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler.*

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.  
*Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re,*

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.  
*don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.*

Text: Psalm 139; Taizé Community  
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
 © 1998, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

### +THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray:

All: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning?

Haven't you understood since the earth was founded?

<sup>22</sup> God inhabits the earth's horizon—  
its inhabitants are like locusts—  
stretches out the skies like a curtain  
and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.

<sup>23</sup> God makes dignitaries useless  
and the earth's judges into nothing.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth  
when God breathes on them, and they dry up;  
the windstorm carries them off like straw.

<sup>25</sup> So to whom will you compare me,  
and who is my equal? says the holy one.

<sup>26</sup> Look up at the sky and consider:  
Who created these?  
The one who brings out their attendants one by one,  
summoning each of them by name.

Because of God's great strength  
and mighty power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, Jacob,  
and declare, Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
my God ignores my predicament"?

<sup>28</sup> Don't you know? Haven't you heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the creator of the ends of the earth.  
He doesn't grow tired or weary.

His understanding is beyond human reach,

<sup>29</sup> giving power to the tired  
and reviving the exhausted.

<sup>30</sup> Youths will become tired and weary,  
young men will certainly stumble;

<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength;  
they will fly up on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not be tired;  
they will walk and not be weary.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

+PSALM 147:1-12, 21c

(spoken together)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup>The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

<sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup>But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor. <sup>21c</sup> Hallelujah!



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>29</sup> After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered near the door. <sup>34</sup> He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.

<sup>35</sup> Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. <sup>36</sup> Simon and those with him tracked him down. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." <sup>39</sup> He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## THE SERMON

### PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MICROPHONE

## THE NICENE CREED

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

You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us and raise us so that we may serve you.

We are amazed at your creative genius—how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us.

*We are amazed, God. We raise our hearts in awe.*

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is worn out and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: bishops, priests, and deacons—all those in positions of leadership.

*We ask for direction. Raise them up, God.*

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example for the world.

*We ask for healing. Raise them up, God.*

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break the chains that bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love.

*We ask for healing. Raise them up, God.*

We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss, and give them the confidence of your love that knows no limits of time or space.

*We ask for assurance of your love.*

*Raise them up, God.*

We pray for our members Rachel Robles, Betty Smith & Family, Marta Martin, Bernie & Elizabeth Weber; Anne Crocker, Anne DaMitz, Tony & Linda Sexton, Kim Campbell, Sallee Glaesner, Vickie Pope, Becky Prevost, and our Homebound Members: Evelyn Overman, Elizabeth Clark, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker. We invite your prayers silently or aloud....

*The Presider says*

Lord, we are those who wait on your gracious favor. Please fulfill our requests as is best for us and fill our hearts with unceasing praise. We ask this humbly in Jesus' name. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* 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.

*Presider:* 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*Presider:* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Go in peace to let the light of Christ shine through you.

*All:* Glory, thanks and praise to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**\*FINAL HYMN:**

**On Eagle's Wing**

*Vs 1, 3*

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*

"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

J.S. Bach  
 1685-1750=

SERVING TODAY

Lector/Intercessor 8:00 am Janine Geenen/Bob Stambaugh 10:30 am Diane Collins/Joyce Brooks

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- Members of Grace:** Rachel Robles, Betty Smith & Family, Marta Martin, Bernie & Elizabeth Weber; Anne Crocker, Anne DaMitz, Tony & Linda Sexton, Kim Campbell, Sallee Glaesner, Vickie Pope, Becky Prevost, and our Homebound Members: Evelyn Overman, Elizabeth Clark, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker.
- Friends of Grace:** Charles Zeller, father of John Zeller; Betty King, friend of Diane Stewart; Barbara King, friend of Phyllis Watson; Mike Beasley, son-in-law and Michael grandson of Melissa Van Noppen; Carmen Suter, Aunt of & Joelle & Jeff Clark, friends of Karlinne Wulf-Lamphear; Debby Coughlin, sister of Dale McDonald; John Savarese, cousin of Bob Stambaugh; Joni Marie Becker, friend of Edwina Costley; Monica, friend of Annelle Woggon & Kenneth Ratcliffe; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church; Carrie Schuler, friend of Lauren & Blair Bishop; Debbie Pitcock, friend of Mariah Nehus; Jason Nurse, son of Peter & Jane Nurse
- For those on the front-lines of our public health crisis** Caitlin Williams, psychologist; Margaret Violet, DSS worker; Sydney Franklin, Sierra McCleary Emily Mackey, nurse at Harris Hospital; Tucker & Campbell Austin, daughters of Clyde & Walt Austin; Adam McDonald; Martha Hartman Woodburn; Sarah, niece of Betsy Stecher; and our members Valerie Gracie who works at Urgent Care, & Sara Warren-Hill, Labor and Delivery Nurse.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pub Theology:** Meets tomorrow at 7:00 on Zoom. Contact Rob Viau for more information.

**Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday at 5:30 on Zoom

**Mid-Life Grace for Women:** Meets on Tuesday on the Deck at 7:30.

**Administration Committee:** Meets Thursday, 2/11 @ Noon

**Lectionary Bible Study:** Now held at 10:15 a m on Sundays. Open to all. Link sent out Sunday mornings.

**Soul Care in the Pandemic:** Join Parishioner and therapist Tim Hussey today at 9:15 am for a conversation about caring for ourselves, souls and bodies.

**Youth Group:** Join us on today on the Deck at Noon. We will write Valentine's Day cards to those in our Haywood County jail and explore Jesus' teachings regarding caring for those in prison. Noon - 2:00 pm.

**Fresh Air Fellowship:** Join us Friday, February 12, @ 4:30 for the Burning of the Palms at the fire pit behind the church. Bring your own hot chocolate and/or s'mores material. /we will pray over the ashes and have a brief Evening Prayer at 5:30.

**Sing to the Lord a New Song - Hymnal Supplement Project:** Check out the video that Ginny Moe, Director of Music, and our Rector created. [Submit hymn suggestions](#) with the where you got them (the source) by February 16 for consideration.

**COVID-19 Vaccination:** To register for your group go to <https://www.haywoodcountync.gov/vaccine> or call [828.356.2019](tel:828.356.2019)

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*Virginia Moe, Organist and Choir Director*

*Andrea Croskery, Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper*

*Tony Caldwell, Sexton*

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