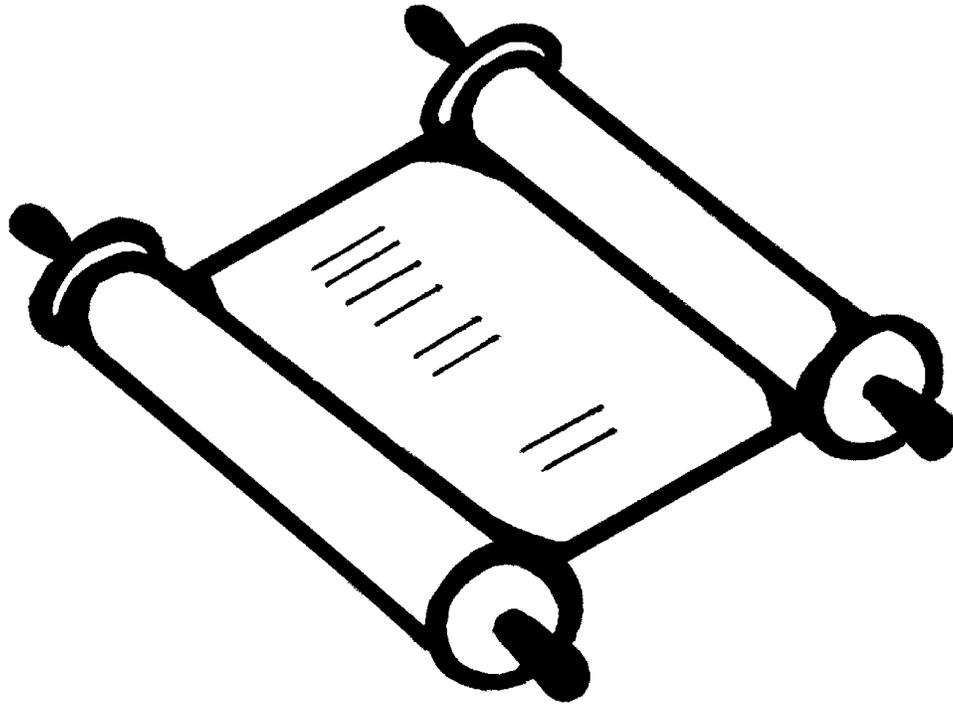


Grace Church in the Mountains

January 23, 2022 | 8:00 am



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

We are honored by your presence as we gather as God's people to worship in the "beauty of holiness" through our ancient liturgy, contemporary prayers, and vibrant community.

Audio and visual aids, as well as "worship bags" for children, are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship.

MISSION FOCUS

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

by

Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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.

All: 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.**

(Be seated)

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(A reading from the prophet Nehemiah)

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the LORD had instructed Israel.

²So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. ³Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

⁵Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

⁹Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

¹⁰"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our LORD. Don't be sad, because the joy from the LORD is your strength!"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 *(spoken responsively by half-verse)*

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom
to the innocent.
⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true

and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than
much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(A reading from the first letter to the church at Corinth)

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Certainly the body isn't one part but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. ¹⁹ If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts but one body. ²¹ So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ²² Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. ²³ The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. ²⁴ The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor ²⁵ so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. ²⁷ You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. ²⁸ In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? ³⁰ All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? ³¹ Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹⁴ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.*

*He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,*

¹⁹ *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *(Be seated)*

THE NICENE CREED *(please 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

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Empowered by the Spirit, let us pray together saying, "We bless you, Lord our God. *Amen, amen.*"

By the spirit of the Lord, may we, your Church, carry on the work of Jesus. Open our hearts to the poor and the captives, to the blind and the oppressed. *Silence*

We bless you, Lord our God. *Amen, amen.*

The heavens declare your glory, Great Creator, and the firmament shows your handiwork. We praise you and we thank you for the beauty and majesty of your creation. We invite your thanksgivings, *aloud or silently.* *Silence*

We bless you, Lord our God. *Amen, amen.*

We thank you, O God, for the many members that make up our body; for the gifts, the work, and the prayers we share. We ask you to bless especially our leaders, lay and ordained. Give us wisdom and guide by your Spirit. We pray especially for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Chapel of Christ the King, Craggy Correctional Center, Asheville and all other prison ministries. *Silence*

We bless you, Lord our God. *Amen, amen.*

We pray for those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength...(after the names from our prayer list are spoken, please add your intercessions aloud or silently).

Silence

We bless you, Lord our God. ***Amen, amen.***

O God, you have formed an eternal bond with us in baptism. Whether living or dead, bless and keep your children forever. *Silence*

We bless you, Lord our God. ***Amen, amen.***

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION (*kneel or stand*)

Presider: By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

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.***

INSTALLATION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

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

Let us with gladness present our offerings and oblations to the Lord.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & INVITATION

Presider: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

People: **God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.**

Presider: Holy Food for Holy People.

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.*)

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR (*When scheduled.*)

Presider: 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 & BLESSING *(stand or kneel)*

Let us pray: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people.

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.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERVING TODAY

Lectors/EMs 8:00 Janine Geenen/ Patrick Johnson, Donna Buckner

10:00 Clyde Austsin/Natalie Bayless, Mary Lockey

Counters Kara Melius, David Nedved

Altar Guild Mary Lockey, Tiffany Plemmons, Janet Turley, John Culp

Ushers Joe Root & Frank Blevins

Eucharistic Visitor Kathie Johnson, visiting Charlotte Dickinson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace: Mike Hartman, Karen Kosec, Carol Feichter, Melanie Cyre, Rob Viau, Carol Ploch, Vickie Pope; and our Homebound Members: Betty Harrison, Becky Prevost; Elizabeth Weber, Evelyn Overman, Charlotte Dickinson, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker.

Friends of Grace: Ken Girten, brother of Diane Collins; Maribeth, daughter of Mary Lou Daily; James Jordan, friend of Betty Bradley; Joan Marino, friend of Madison Owen; Chris SoJourney, nephew of Lauri SoJourney; Amy Ray, sister of Lauren Bishop; Richard Courtney, friend of Stephen Hattendorf; Gretchen Gorfine, friend of Georgia McManus; Mary, mother of BJ Minturn; Allen & Charles Davis, husband and son of Diane Davis; Fr. Matthew Venuti, son-in-law of Paula & Peter Welling; Roney Sutton, friend of Melissa VanNoppen; Paul Mehaffey, grandfather of Jesse Nelson; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church.

Those who have died: Earl Yeargin, grandfather of Daniel, Sarah, Gracie & Jack Yeargin; Tim Rothermel, brother of Don Rothermel; Lee Parsons, brother of Marie Shaginaw

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the Grace Giving Garden Flower Ministry

HAPPENING TODAY

Lectionary Bible Study: All are invited in Thatcher Hall and on Zoom

Children and Youth Programs: Little ones up to 2nd Grade meet in the nursery for Godly Play with Dawna Keilman. 3rd grade and up meet in the Marthas Room for a Youth Hangout with Daniel Yeargin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Church 101 Resumes Jan. 30:: Anglican Approaches to Scripture. In person & on Zoom.

Open Door Food Truck: Now serving our neighbors M-F from 11:30-12:30 in our back parking lot.

Winter Film Series: *The Shack* will be shown on Sunday Jan. 30 @ 3:30 in Thatcher Hall. A *grieving man received a mysterious, personal invitation to meet with God at a place called "The Shack."*

Giving Envelopes: If you indicated on your pledge card that you wanted envelopes they are available this morning in the narthex with your name on them. Save us some postage and pick yours up today! If you would like envelopes, we have a couple dozen more sets in the office. Just let us know. (cont'd on back)

Wanted: The office is looking for a volunteer receptionist to work each Monday from 9:00 until 1:00. Some computer knowledge preferred. Training will be given.

Masks: At the start of the pandemic, we were gifted with hundreds of masks. Or supply of these cloth masks is about to run out. To help save the planet and our budget, if you have multiples of these masks lying about at home, please consider washing them and returning them to the church in individual plastic baggies. Drop them by the office. Thank you.

Grace Food Pantry: If you like to do your "little bit of good" face-to-face with those you are serving, our pantry has opportunities. Contact Paula Welling (pmw02176@yahoo.com) or Pam Nolte-Viau (pnolteviau@gmail.com) for information.

THIS WEEK (* indicates all are invited)

Sun., Jan. 23	5:00	Youth Group @ FUMC. Dinner included.
Tues., Jan. 25	11:00	Wisdom Bible Study in person
	12:00	Noon deadline for eNews & bulletin announcements*
Wed., Jan. 26	Noon	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer *
	5:30	Wisdom Bible Study on Zoom
	7:00	Choir Practice
Thurs., Jan. 27	10:00	Marthas Knitting Group via Zoom*
	7:30	Mid-life Grace for Women
Sat. Jan. 29	10:00	Flower Ministry work day*

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The Revs. Orion Davis, Earle Pratt, & Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates

Virginia Moe, Music Director

Madison Owen, Director of Parish Programs

Andrea Croskery, Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper

Tony Caldwell, Sexton

Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Michael Lodico, Sr. Warden (2022)	Laura Armour, Jr. Warden (2023)	John Culp (2024)
Patricia (Pat) Robinson (2022)	Kathie Johnson (2023)	Barbara Rowe (2024)
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