



# Grace Episcopal Church

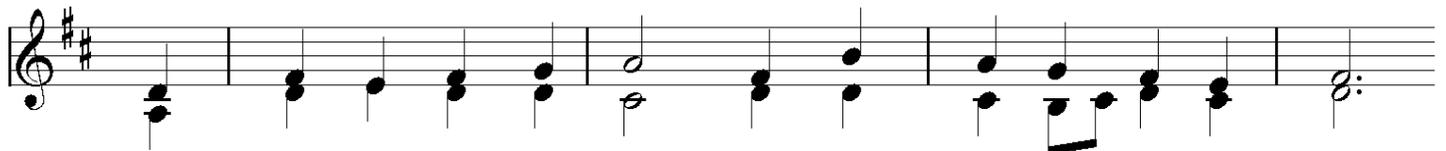
The First Sunday after Epiphany:  
The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ  
January 8, 2023  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Shall We Gather at the River (Early American) - setting by M. Burkhardt*

PROCESSION HYMN #295

*Sing praise to our Creator*



1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—  
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;



God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.  
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.  
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

## 355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA #S278 (*Sung by all*)

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 God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed 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 you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them  
out, who spread out the earth and what comes  
from it,

- The Word of the Lord

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in  
righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29 (*responsively, by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees  
writhe and strips the forests bare.**

<sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the LORD  
all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for  
evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> **The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing  
of peace.**

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- The Word of the Lord    **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #121 (vv. 1-2)

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
 4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
 as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
 that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13-17*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

-- The Gospel of the Lord    **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #121 (vv. 4)

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

## 358 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.

## 392 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

*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; we pray for Joe our President, Roy our  
 Governor, Jason our Mayor, and John our Councilman;  
*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 *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Samuel and Jennifer* our Bishops; and *Ed* our Priest; and all other bishops and ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Josey** Parker,

and those with special needs:

**Linda** Clodfelter, **Peggy** Snyder, **Fred** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **David** Barkston, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Emily** Duquette Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Tracy** Davis, **Ruth** DesRoches, **Barbara** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Renee** Ewbank, **Charlotte** Froehlich, **Marc** Frye, **Jenny** Gallen and family, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Kathy** Johnson, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Gilliam** Nicholson, **Page** Onorato, **Howard** Palmer, **Lynn** Parsley, **Bill** Phillipps, **Gabby** Plott, **Anne** Rives, **Libby** Robert, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Tommy** Shaw, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Peggy** Snyder, **Jackie** Touchton, **Laura** Turlington, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Jen** Ward, **Kathy** Watson, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary and Jay** Williams, **Susan and Brian** Wilson, **Vickie** Wolfe, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?”

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

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*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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 our Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Morning Star, O Cheering Sight - F. F. Hagan*

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*The offering is brought forward as the hymn is played.*

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY #397 (v. 1)

*Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

#### 367 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 Christ 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:

**SANCTUS #S125**     *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people may stand or kneel*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 are bold to say,

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**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.**

### 364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.*

*Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.*

*If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

### 366 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant and People*

**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 BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-Begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

## 366 THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized* - harm. by J. S. Bach

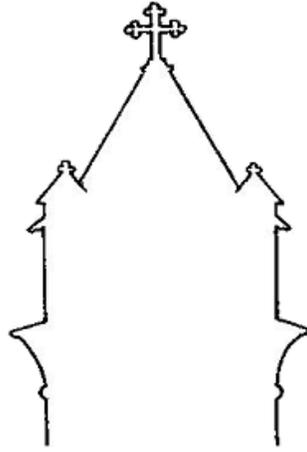
*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Melissa and David Thayer  
for blessings to us all in a new year.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

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<b>Lector:</b> Tere Wagner	<b>Greeter:</b> Frances Garner
<b>Intercessor:</b> Judie Reed	<b>LEM:</b> Kathie Goodman
<b>Ushers:</b> Sims Riggan, Tommy Black	<b>Acolytes:</b> Lyndon Briggs, Ward Inabinett
<b>Audio Visual:</b> David Jones, Russ Johnson	Fisher Welborn





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The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
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The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop

The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher, Rector  
Joan Clodfelter, Minister of Music  
Kathy Johnson, Christian Education Director  
Maureen Tincher, Parish Administrator  
John Taylor, Facilities Manager

### THE VESTRY

2023

Walter Beeker

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Cathy Riggan

Robin Sink

2024

Lynn Meeks Treasurer

Logan Sheets

Susan Terrell Clerk

Kathy Young

2025

Wes Allred Sr. Warden

Thompson Miller Asst. Treasurer

Marjorie Parker Asst. Clerk

Marilyn Taylor

Vestry Person of the Month for January is Lynn Meeks.