



Grace Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 19, 2023
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

GREETING

OPENING SENTENCE

“From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.” ~ Malachi 1:11

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Officiant says to the people.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together,

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 ABSOLUTION

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

GLORIA (All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**ANTIPHON The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore Him.**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
 Know this: The Lord himself is God;
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

ANTIPHON The Lord has shown forth his glory:
 Come let us adore Him.

PSALM 99

¹ The LORD is King; let the people tremble;
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.

² **The LORD is great in Zion;
 he is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess his Name,
 which is great and awesome;
 he is the Holy One.

⁴ **"O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity;
 you have executed justice and
 righteousness in Jacob."**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the
 LORD our God
 and fall down before his footstool;
 he is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his
 Name,
 they called upon the LORD, and he
 answered them.**

⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that
 he gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them
 indeed;
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ **Proclaim the greatness of the
 LORD our God
 and worship him upon his holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever . Amen.**

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 11 ~ *The Third Song of Isaiah*

In unison

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**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned
upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise,
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your
dawning.
Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness
of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Hear what the Holy Spirit is Saying to the Church: **Thanks be to God.**

Splendor and honor and kingly power
 are yours by right, O Lord our God,
 For you created everything that is,
 and by your will they were created and have their being;
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
 From every family, language, people, and nation,
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
 and to Christ the Lamb,
 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
 for ever and for evermore.

A TIME OF SILENCE – *A bell will sound three times.*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
 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.
 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

THE PRAYERS *(Standing or kneeling as you are able)*

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us 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.

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
 V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
 V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE PARISH

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Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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; *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 **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, and **Josey** Parker, and those with special needs:

Greg Hutchins, **Chocolate** Myers, **Fred** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **David** Barkston, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Emily** Duquette Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Tracy** Davis, **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, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Gilliam** Nicholson, **Harriett** Owens, **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, **Darla** Tysinger, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Kathy** Watson, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary and Jay** Williams, **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.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

DISMISSAL Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

