

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANNOINTED (vs 1,2,3,5) HYMNAL 616

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE GLORIA

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HYMNAL S280

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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Welcome to Grace,
we’re glad you are here!**

*If you have any questions, our
ushers, greeters and members are
here to help, don’t hesitate to ask!*

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door to the left of the pulpit at the
top and bottom of the stairs. There
is also a handicap lift in the narthex
(front entrance) if you need
assistance getting to the lower level.

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SERVING TODAY

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| ACOLYTE | Carmen Lescure |
| ALTAR GUILD | Carmen Lescure |
| CANTOR | --- |
| CHALICIST | Dcn. Kathleen |
| FELLOWSHIP | Kara DeBord |
| GREET/USHER | Kathy Brown |
| LECTOR | Brett Brenner |
| LIVESTREAM | Kathy Brown |
| TELLER | --- |
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THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Lector A reading from the book of 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, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 29

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, ***
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe ***
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; ***
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

ACTS 10:34-43

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH (*verses 1,2,3,6*)

HYMNAL 448

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:13-17

Deacon 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."

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

THE HOMILY

THE REV. KATHLEEN SMITH-JONES

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all People,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin, brought us to yourself and drawn us together to serve you. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Sisters and brothers,
our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need.
We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

In baptism you unify yourself with our world and bring your reign into being.
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon On this day we remember that Jesus was baptized by John to fulfill all righteousness.
Help us to remember our baptismal covenant. May we too hear you say to us this day
that "This is my son, my daughter, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon For people of all races and cultures around the world who on this Lord's Day
are being baptized into the faith and family of Christ Jesus. Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon For Christians baptized long ago whose first faith has been eroded and for the
unbaptized whose first, urgent need is not words and rites, but food, medicine,
employment, and housing. Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon For those who are being drawn away from Christ by the lure of popular culture
and for the insecure and wistful souls whose path to Christ is obscured
by false messiahs. Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon For the governments and leaders of all nations, grant them wisdom and compassion
as they work for peace and justice in the world. Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon For those among us this day, who through sickness, grief, setback or disappointment, are feeling the anguish and the tiredness of the bruised reed and flickering lamp. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now.

You may name those who you wish to pray for, either aloud or in the quiet of your heart. We commend to your prayers all those on our prayer list on page 14.

Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon All that exists is from you and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise and serve this hurting world. Lord of love, light and peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT:

Celebrant Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name.

People **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, in a safety conscious manner, such as waving or peace signs.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN
GOD THE OMNIPOTENT!

HYMNAL 569

PRESENTATION HYMN
IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER, *verse 4*

Please stand if you are able.



What ____ can I give him, poor ____ as I am?



If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet



what I can I give him give ____ my ____ heart.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

From Celebrating Eucharist by Bosco Peters (www.liturgy.co.nz)

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant Jesus Christ, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of Mary, and shared our human nature. With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us, Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction. By the resurrection your will was fulfilled and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, as we sing:

SANCTUS

DEUTSCHE MESSE

HYMNAL S130

The people remain standing or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

May we praise you and give you glory through your First-born, Jesus Christ.

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

People **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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

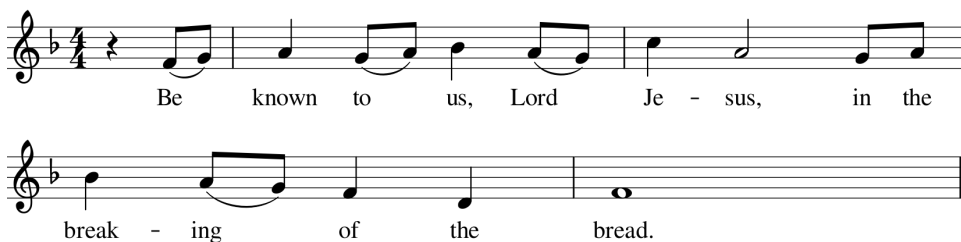
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



The cantor or choir sing the verses

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.

When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!

COMMUNION HYMN

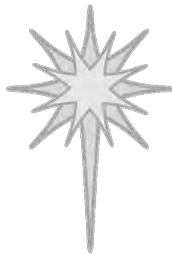
CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED

HYMNAL 121

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us Pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**



THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty: The Father, ✠ The Son, and The Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever more.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN
ON JORDAN'S BANK

HYMNAL 76

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, we pray for St. James, Parkton; St. John's, Western Run Parish; St. Mark's-on-the-Hill, Pikesville; and for the Rev's Daniel J. Webster, Joseph Stewart-Sicking, Megan Stewart Sicking, and Allston Jacobs.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for The Rev. Edie Holton.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond: Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; The Generazio Family; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Art & Dawn Reid, Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum.; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Abby & Tom Kahn; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Larry Hogan (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); Governor-Elect Wes Moore (*MD*) and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN 22 | FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

Beginning in 2023, our Fourth Sunday Fellowship Hour every month will be a Potluck Luncheon! Look for more details and a signup coming soon for our first one on **Sunday, January 22**.

FEB 12 | ANNUAL MEETING OF GRACE CHURCH

Mark your calendar, the Annual Meeting of Grace Church is coming up **Sunday, February 12, 2023**, following our worship service. Each year, every Episcopal parish gathers to elect Vestry members, review the Annual Report and coming year's Budget, and much more! Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard.

COMING UP AT GRACE

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| 1/10 | Tue | 5:00pm | Healing Service | <i>Church</i> |
| 1/22 | Sun | 12:15pm | Fourth Sunday Potluck | <i>Undercroft</i> |
| 2/12 | Sun | 12:15pm | Annual Meeting of Grace Church | <i>Undercroft</i> |

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