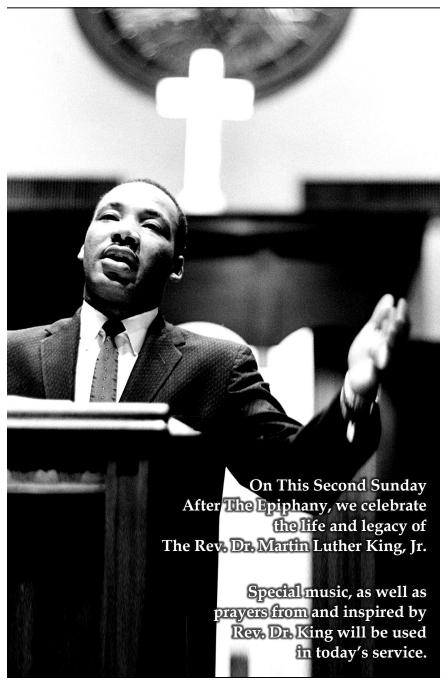
# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023





# 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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#### 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

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.

#### 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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known,

worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated.



# THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 49:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE PSALM 40:1-12

Read responsively by the whole verse

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \* he stooped to me and heard my cry.

- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \* he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \* many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \* they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! \* there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \* but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \* (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \* and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*
  'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \* behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \* I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \* let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

THE SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

*Lector* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

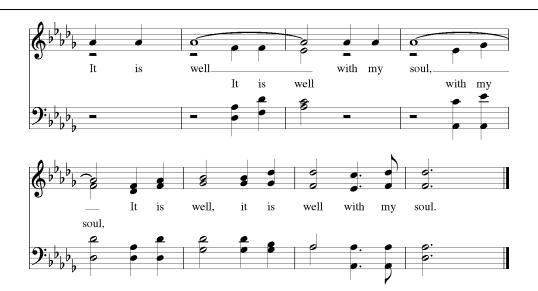
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

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

### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

IT IS WELLWITH MY SOUL Verses 1, 3, and 4





THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 1:29-42

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

THE HOMILY

THE REV. EDIE HOLTON

#### THE NICENE CREED

People 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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lector* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Eugene and Robert, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers;

and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful.

Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation

in the world. God of love,

People Hear our prayers for the church.

Silence – Add your prayers, aloud or in the silence of your heart

*Lector* God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world:

For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed;

for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good.

Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil.

Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,

*People* **Hear our prayers for the world.** 

Silence – Add your prayers, aloud or in the silence of your heart

*Lector* God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care:

For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy

of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,

People Hear our prayers for the earth.

Silence - Add your prayers, aloud or in the silence of your heart

Lector God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and

markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

*People* Hear our prayers for this community.

Silence – Add your prayers, aloud or in the silence of your heart

*Lector* God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble:

For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down

by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit,

as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,

People Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

Silence – Add your prayers, aloud or in the silence of your heart

*Lector* God of grace, we pray for those who have died:

For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice;

for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died

because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call

to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last

into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace,

People Hear our prayers for those who have died.

Silence – Add your prayers, aloud or in the silence of your heart

Celebrant Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

#### THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People

O thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being: We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against thee. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know thy will. Give us the courage to do thy will. Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. 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. Then all are seated for the announcements.

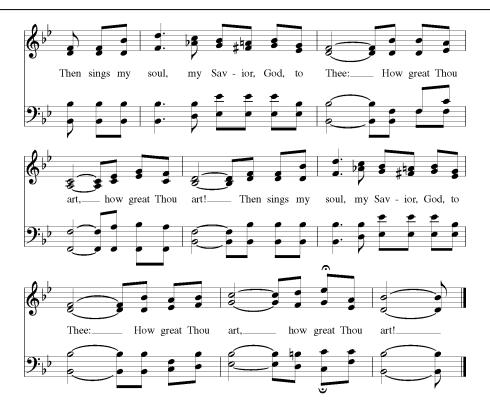
#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

How Great Thou Art *Verses* 1,2, and 4



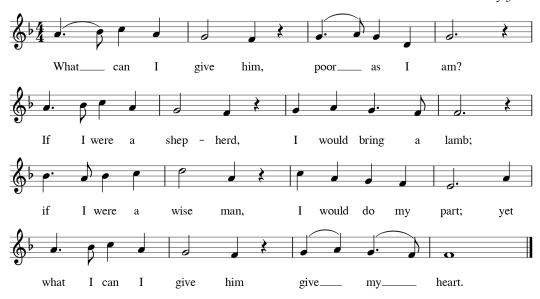


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#### PRESENTATION HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER, verse 4

Please stand if you are able.



# 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

for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

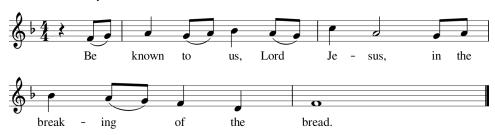
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

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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!

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#### COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

HYMNAL 325

#### 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 EPIPHANYTIDE BLESSING

Celebrant 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 with you now and forever more.

People Amen.

Verses 1, 2, and 4





# THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* 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. Thomas, Owings Mills; Sherwood Parish, Cockeysville; Trinity, Long Green; Trinity, Towson; and for the Rev.'s Stuart W. Wright, Malcolm A. Ellis, Hector R. Rodriguez, and Gail J. Landers.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Al, Roxanna, Emily, Julie and Abby Horton.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the Glory of God by Cary Brown, In honor of my Grammy's 90th heavenly birthday.

#### **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

New Year means let's try something new! We're turning the Sunday Fellowship hour into: Fourth Sunday Fellowship Feast! On the fourth Sunday of each month, we'll put together a Pot Luck lunch that will give us the chance to break bread together and have some extra time to socialize. Go to https://tinyurl.com/Grace4thSundays and let us know what you'd like to bring.

### 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.

## NOW – FEB 12 | **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Be a game changer and join the team for those in need. Souper Bowl of Caring is back and you can help boost the food supply to help those in need in our community. Each year, our parish helps collect and donate hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food products to the Brunswick food bank which provides monthly food staples to about 200 local families in need. The food bank has a need for all sorts of non-perishable items such as canned goods and dry goods. Cash contributions can also be given and BEACON will use the cash donations for weekly purchases of fresh food. Drop your donations in the festive box in the narthex from now until Super Bowl Sunday, February 12.

# **COMING UP AT GRACE**

1/22	Sun	12:15pm	Fourth Sunday Potluck	Undercroft
2/12	Sun	12:15pm	Annual Meeting of Grace Church	Undercroft

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