

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2023



## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANNOINTED

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**

**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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you:  
Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our  
weakness we can do nothing good without you,  
give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your  
commandments we may please you both in will and  
deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.

*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!*

**Restrooms** are located through  
the 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

ACOLYTE	Cary Brown
ALTAR GUILD	Carmen Lescure
CHALICIST	Deacon Kathleen
FELLOWSHIP	Kara DeBord
GREET/USHER	Kathy Brown Kara DeBord
LECTOR	Carmen Lescure
LIVESTREAM	Kathy Brown
TELLERS	Kathy Brown S. Slocum-Schaffer

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# THE LESSONS

## THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

*Lector*      A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 119:1-8

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 **Happy are they who observe his decrees \***  
**and seek him with all their hearts!**
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 **You laid down your commandments, \***  
**that we should fully keep them.**
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 **Then I should not be put to shame, \***  
**when I regard all your commandments.**

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7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 **I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9**

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

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*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

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

**HYMNAL 304**

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*When prompted, please stand if you are able.*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

**Amen.**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

*Deacon* Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Deacon* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Deacon* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Deacon* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Deacon* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Deacon* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Deacon* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **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.**

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## THE ABSOLUTION

*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.

*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



*Love one another as I have loved you*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

HYMNAL 440

### PRESENTATION HYMN

THE DOXOLOGY (*Sung to Two Tunes*)

*Please stand if you are able.*

Musical notation for the Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise  
Him, all cre - atures here be - low; Praise  
Him a - bove ye heav - 'nly host; Praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

(Second Tune, sung after the organ interlude)

Praise God, from whom all — bles — sings — flow;  
Praise Him, all crea — tures here be — low;  
Praise Him a — bove ye — heav — en — ly host;  
Praise Fa — ther, Son and Ho — ly Ghost!  
A — men! A — men!

*First tune: Old 100th, Public Domain; Second Tune: New Doxology, Public Domain. Arranged by David L.M. Gunning, Jr.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

*From Celebrating Eucharist by Bosco Peters ([www.liturgy.co.nz](http://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:

*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.**

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

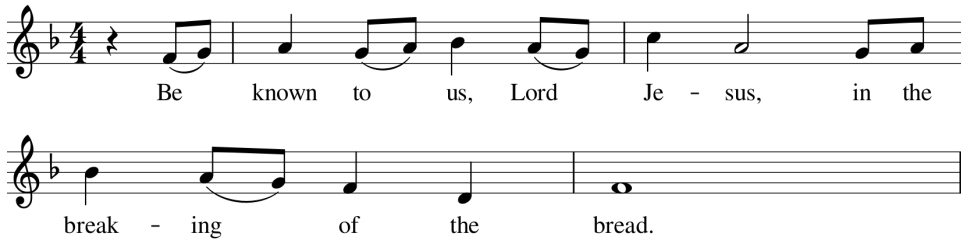
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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!*



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## COMMUNION HYMN

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

HYMNAL 671

## 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.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

O LOVE OF GOD, HOW STRONG AND TRUE

HYMNAL 455

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Join us downstairs after the service for our annual meeting and luncheon.  
All are welcome!**

## 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 Grace Memorial, Darlington; Holy Cross, The Rocks; Holy Trinity, Churchville; St. John's, Havre de Grace; and for the Rev's A. Dickerson Salmon, Anthony W. L. Hollis, William H. Fallowfield, and Robert P. Patterson.

**In our Parish prayer cycle**, we pray for Jeb and Felicia Kimble; Jannah, Aaminah, and Natalie.

**The Flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God by Mike Andrew.

### 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:** Shirley Shores; Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; 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 Wes Moore (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); 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.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FEB 21 | SHROVE TUESDAY

This year we will join our sister parish, St. Luke’s in Brownsville, for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Join us from 5:30pm-7:00pm on Tuesday, February 21. Supper is FREE, but donations are appreciated. St. Luke’s is located just 10 minutes away from Grace at 2150 Boteler Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758 .

## FEB 22 | ASH WEDNESDAY AND A HOLY LENT

We will begin our observance of a holy Lent in just 10 days! Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held this year at St. Luke’s, 7pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Holy Week services will be at Grace this year.

## COMING UP AT GRACE

2/21	Tue	5:30pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper	St. Luke’s, Brownsville
2/22	Wed	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday	St. Luke’s, Brownsville
4/6	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Nave
4/7	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Nave
4/9	Sun	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service	Nave

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