

Third Sunday after Epiphany Holy Eucharist

Grace Episcopal Church
Galena, Illinois
January 22, 2023 10:30 am

Welcome to Grace Church

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on YouTube, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the link to YouTube, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation.

Please be aware that we are live streaming this service to YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

Ministers of the Service

- *Members and Guests, Celebrants
- *Rev. Linda Packard, Presider
- *Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
- *Richard Luther, Homilist
- *Greg Serwich, Lector
- *Elizabeth Ludescher, Intercessor

- *Robin French, Music Director
- *Nancy Cook, Erben Organist
- *Eric Kallback, Vestry Coordinator
- *Teresa Burke, Greeter
- *Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker, Altar Guild
- *Greg & Karen Serwich, Lay Eucharistic Ministers

As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness while the prelude is offered.

Prelude

Land of Rest

Southern Harmony/Maggs

We stand as the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Opening Hymn 117 Brightest and Best

(verses 1-4)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All: Glory to God for ever and ever.

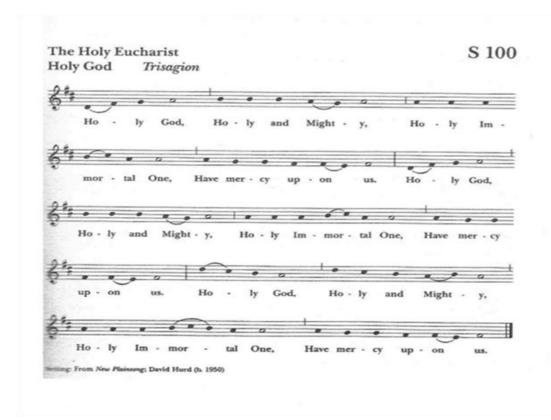
Presider: There is one body and one spirit;

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider: One Lord, one faith, one baptism;
All: One God and Father of us all.

Trisaigon

Holy God



The Collect

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.)

We proclaim God's word

The Lesson

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

(The Psalm is read in unison)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the LORD;

one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Epistle

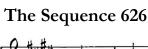
Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did also baptize the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



Lord, Be Thy Rule

C. Wordsworth/H.L. Jenner





The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Matthew 4:12-23 All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Richard Luther

(We stand after a brief silence.)

We affirm our faith

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us profess our faith in the traditional words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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.

We Offer Prayers

Deacon:

Jesus, as we travel far and fast, lead our minds back to the wise men following your star, and forward to the day when all will see your shining star.



Intercessor:

Jesus, light of the world, let your bright star stand over the place where the poor have to live; where victims of war are sheltered, and where refugees travel. Guide us to find ways to show your love to them, and fill our leaders with wisdom and

compassion.



Lector:

O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your Son, Jesus Christ, to the Gentiles; grant that your church may be a light to the nations, welcoming all into the community so the whole world may come to see the splendor of your glory, your grace, and your love.



Intercessor:

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptized into his name may give up our lives to your service, keep our baptismal promises, and be found worthy of our calling.



Lector:

We pray for those on our prayer list who are suffering from illness and loss. We ask for healing and comfort. We pray for those who have died, and recognize the anniversaries of death of our loved ones.



Intercessor:

We are thankful for the many blessings we experience: for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; for the vibrancy of our congregation as we continue to search for our next rector; and for all those who have shared their abilities to fill the needs of our church.



Deacon:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

A Collect for Ukraine

Deacon: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, whose peace transcends all understanding and

whose mercy and compassion are beyond measure: Protect the people of Ukraine and all the nations of the world. Grant your peace to those who are afraid, your comfort to those who mourn, your protection to those under attack, and your wisdom to those in power, that all war may cease, all weapons be laid down, and all hearts be turned to love you and your peaceable Kingdom, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Search Process

Deacon: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, lover of all your children, be with us as we await our new

rector. We thank you for the work completed by our Search Committee. We thank you for those who have stepped up to serve during this time, as lay homilists, leaders of Morning Prayer, and supply priests. We thank you for the

leaders of our important ministries that continue as we wait.

We anticipate the time when the Search Committee can proceed with interviews of approved applicants. Give us patience, give us hope, and let us rest in the knowledge that your Holy Spirit is with us and with the person we will ultimately call to lead us as our rector, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

We confess our sins and are forgiven

(Please stand or kneel.)

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

All: 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.

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

(We stand)

We share the peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

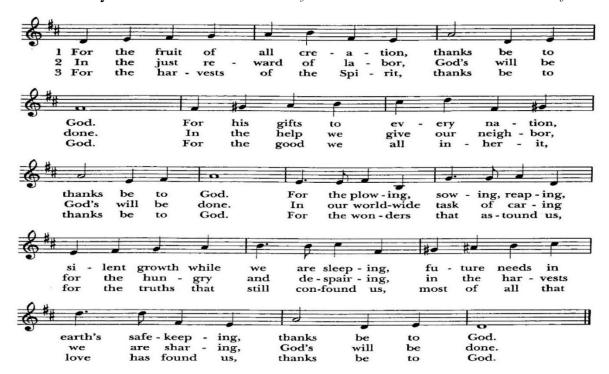
Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever they may be.
Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace
which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We offer our lives and gifts to God

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Anthem O Nata Lux Kate Cuttill

(We stand as our offerings are presented and remain standing.)



We share the Holy Communion

Presider: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

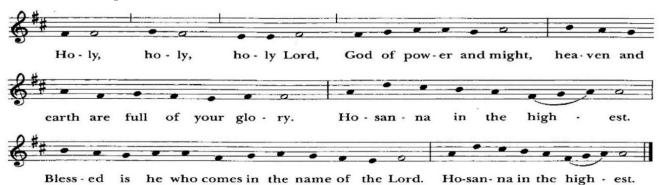
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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, as we sing:



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.

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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,

Presider and all:

We remember Christ's death; We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting 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 in the sacrifices of Jesus Christ through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: 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.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer.

Please approach the chancel from the center aisle.

Proceed to the altar rail where you may stand or kneel.

Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.

And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest.

Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Hymn 321 My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Communion Hymn

Ubi Caritas



We send the Eucharistic Ministers

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those

to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one Body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.

Deacon: Let us pray.

All: 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 Blessing

Presider: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives might be a light to

the world.

All: Amen.

Presider: And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with

you, always.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn 304

I Come with Joy

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude This Little Light of Mine H.D. Loes/Hayes

The flowers today are given by Bob Burton.

Social Hour hosts are Celeste Mancini, Eric & Debbie Kallbeck.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are requested.

Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:

Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of North India (United) and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop, and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Emery Beyer, Bob Burton, Shawn Crossley, Kathy Doig, Matthew Dowe, Abby, Al Elsbree, Jennie Fjelde, Gianna, Justin Kash, Anika Kerkhoven, Ginger Komiskey, Joyce Lewis, Verity Liljedahl, Joe Maffit, Liam Malone, Diann & Robert Marsh, JoAnn Mikelson, Mary Nelson, Sarah Newton, Bill Norton, Rev. Linda Packard, Tony Packard, Stefanie Penoyer, Pete Petrakis, Melody Serwich, Jennifer Stienestra, Kelsey Storey, Pete Stryker, Pat Terry, Nathan Van Gelder, Joe Watts, Bccky, and Bill

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for the anniversary of the deaths of:

Ruth Bardeen, Elaine Margaret Harwick, Clara Ellen Symons, Rev. William Westwood Steele, Jennie Chapin, and Helen Griggs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of January 22, 2023

Grace Happenings, our weekly eBlast newsletter, is sent out every Friday.

To start receiving it, please use your preferred email to send your request to

Kris Egan, Parish Administrator at gracesec@gracegalena.org.

The weekly bulletin announcements deadline is noon on Tuesdays.

Please email your announcements to Kris Egan, Parish Administrator. Thank You!

Memorial Service for Joe Terry: On Thursday, January 26, there will be a Memorial Service for Joe Terry starting at 10:00 am at Grace Church.

2023 Annual Parish Meeting: will be held Sunday, January 29th following the 10:30 am Eucharist in the church.

2023 Grace Lenten Meditation Booklet: It's that time of the year to think about writing a meditation or two for our annual Lenten Meditation Booklet. Please request from Carmen at church or via email at fergusoncarmen99@gmail.com. **The deadline is Wednesday, February 1st**. Thanks and the entire congregation awaits your thoughts and insights.

<u>Ministry of Care</u>: Because of the many volunteers willing to help out with calls, rides, errands, meals, etc., the Ministry of Care won't miss a beat while our search for a new rector is ongoing. Please don't hesitate to **contact Bonnielynn Kreiser at 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005** if you are in need. Also know that our clergy are available to meet your spiritual needs as well.

Wednesday Morning Study Group (9:30 a.m.)

The Wednesday study group uses the online Episcopal Lectionary Calendar (more specifically, the scriptures and Bible Study guide) to read and reflect upon the lessons and gospel for the ensuing Sunday Eucharist. After doing so, we find our hearts and minds are more fertile for the seeds sown from the lectionary and the pulpit. All are welcome to join us **Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.** either in the parish hall conference room or on Zoom (link in the Eblast). **If needed, contact Greg Serwich (312-933-6228) for assistance.**

<u>Search Committee Update</u>: The position of Rector at Grace Church is posted on the Diocesan website. Recently we created a flyer to be set out by email to potential candidates or to anyone who might know a potential candidate. A link to the flyer is in this week's *Grace Happenings*.

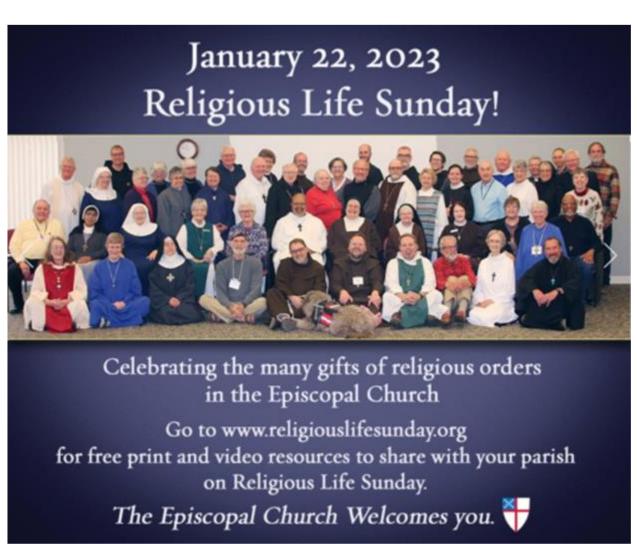
<u>Social Hour</u>: There are many openings on the Coffee Hour sign-up list posted in the Parish House. Reminder for Hosts: coffee supplies, napkins & plates are available in our pantry. Keep it simple as the focus is on fellowship.

<u>Yarn Ministry</u>: is meeting via Zoom on Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Contact Meg Gibbs for log on instructions.

Zoom Poetry Meeting: A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write to Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive information about the meeting.

Service of Compline: is 8:30 pm, Tuesday evenings via Zoom.

<u>Meditative Prayer</u>: meets online at 9:00 am on Fridays. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.







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Scripture Readings for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2023

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm 15

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