



CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY January 10, 2021

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – live streamed

The Word of God

Prelude *Improvisation on “At the River”*

Opening Acclamation *standing*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his 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.

Hymn 76 *On Jordan’s bank*

Winchester New

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: *standing* (p. 357)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Robin Teasley

Hymn 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Caithness

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.*

*God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.*

*Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.*

*Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find.*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People *standing or kneeling*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Gini VanKeuren, Barbara Vick and Marwee Walsh.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially Robyn Arrington, Diane Basta, Yvonne Butler, Langley Curry, Ronnie Elder, Lucy Hallman, Hillary Hettinger, Stacy Hettinger, Theresa Hettinger, Horace Higgins, Dianne Holloman, Jim Hunter, Rawn Hyatt, Sharon Plymire, Lilly Rudd, Yava Scott, Mark Sheffield, Patricia Thorpe, Larry Tucker, and Cameron Wilson. *pause*

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Clyde W. Vick, Jr. with love from his family.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(pause)*

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greeting and Announcements

Installation of ECW Officers

Offertory Sentence

Please remember while we are closed for in person services, you may mail your offering to the church office, or give online through your bank or our website.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C *standing*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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standing or kneeling

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We pray together with those who are unable to receive communion.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though not everyone can consume these gifts of bread and wine with us today, we thank you that we have received Christ’s presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ’s passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing* (p. 365)

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: To God alone be praised

Walther

If you would like to receive reserved sacrament, please contact the church office or Rev. Robin.

Lay Reader: 10:00 Samantha Ellis

Audio/Visual: Lee Adams, Bill Miller

Cantor: Donald Temple

WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

Episcopal Church Women – Installation of Officers

Presenter: I present to you these women who have been elected as officers of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church Women.

Rector: Are these women prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, and by a knowledge of their duties to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of His Church?

Presenter: I believe that they are.

Rector: Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you and endeavor to discharge your duties of leadership to the best of your ability?

Inductees: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Rector: In the Name of God, I admit you, as Officers of the Christ and Grace Episcopal Church Women.

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All: **And also with you.**

Rector: Let us pray.

May God grant you peace and wisdom faithfully to Exercise the duties of your office, and may the power of the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you in your several ministries so you may grow in love and service for the building up of the Body of Christ and the coming of God’s kingdom. This we ask in the name of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

All: **Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you all members of your Holy Church, that in our vocations and ministries we may devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Rector: We entrust you with the exercise of your respective office. Serve the Episcopal Church Women of this church. Be faithful, zealous, humble, and sincere in all your tasks; and may the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you in your work and in your worship this day and evermore. **Amen**

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