



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021

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 on Zoom.

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

Silent Meditation

Jesus didn't use his authority to self-aggrandize or to accrue power. He used it only to heal, to free, to serve, and to empower those around him. Maybe this is precisely why his audience found him so compelling — his was the authority of a servant king. He had no political power -- and sought none. No earthly throne or kingdom to speak of. But he had an integrity and a generosity that compelled people to listen and to follow him.

--Debie Thomas

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

- * Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
- * Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
- * Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*
- * Phil Jackman, *Lector*
- * Donna Davis, *Intercessor*
- * Robin French, *Music Director*
- * Nancy Cook, *Erben Organ*
- * Lynn Giles, *Vestry Coordinator*
- * Ann Berry, *Altar Guild*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

There's a Balm in Gilead

Traditional/Hayes

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: "Arise, shine; for your light has come. Lift up your eyes for the grace of God is near us.

People: Holy One, we open our eyes; We lift our voices to you.

Presider: "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Open your hearts, for the Prince of Peace is near us.

People: Holy One, we open our hearts; We lift our voices to you.

Presider: "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Rejoice; the righteousness and mercy of God dwell with us.

People: Holy One, we rejoice. We lift our voices to you.

THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
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 for the reading.

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 111 *(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*

Confitebor tibi

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.**

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We affirm our faith

THE CREED

(Please stand as able.)

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] 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.

We offer prayers

Deacon: Enlighten us with your grace and favor, O God, that we may know your Son Jesus and proclaim him among all people, as we pray: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor: Let the light of your countenance shine upon your Church, O Gracious One, that we may serve and testify to the things which we have seen through Christ.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Lector: Almighty One, send your saving health among all nations, to all who rule or hold authority in the world: May you give us your blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor: Rescue those who are handed over to the unjust and cruel, O Compassionate One, and give them your Word of grace and protection, that all who live in darkness may be delivered into the light. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Lector: You have called us through your grace in this community and been pleased to reveal your Son to us, O Loving One: Keep us obedient to the heavenly vision that we may do deeds consistent with our following Christ. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Intercessor: Let the light of the Gospel shine throughout the world, and let your healing grace be with those for whom we pray, especially Mark (Buttell), Bishop Joseph, Bob (Rafters) and Lois (Rafters)...Others? _____. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Lector: We thank you for your gracious generosity to us, O God, as we offer you our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the Birthdays of *Len (Banas), *Joy (Von Wolfersdorff) and *Frances (Rivoire); the Anniversary of *Len and *Diane (Banas); our Outreach partners: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? _____.

Bring into your fuller presence those who have died, that they may find life within your reign forevermore especially: John (Crawford), Christine (Silver), Ada Mae (Bell-Seubert), Percy (Henry), Lewis (Eversoll), Sara (Godfrey), Richard (Molitor), Marie (Marsden), Gwendolyn (Knautz), Jeannette (Linsley), Levon (Jackman), Grace (Vivian), George (Fiedler), Jeffrey (Arnold) and Gerald (Hyde). Others ____? Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Deacon: Gracious God, you enlightened your apostle Paul to turn from his destructive ways and to follow you in faith, so guide us to be heralds of your good news of acceptance and forgiveness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

Priest: 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.*

We share the Peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We share the ministries of the Church

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.

The Holy Communion

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

For those who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.

PRESENTATION HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Wesley/Gläser

As the hymn is played, and the altar is prepared for Communion, you may reflect on these words:

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

"If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all." So said Peter Böbler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of the classic hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise" (Psalter Hymnal Handbook.) Written to celebrate the one year anniversary of Charles' conversion to Christianity, this declaration of Christ's power and victory in his own life, rich in Biblical imagery of the Kingdom of God, becomes our own hymn of praise. This hymn reflects Wesley's style of passionate personal Christian experience. He speaks to God as friend, combined with a profound evangelical vocabulary "to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **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.
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:

(Stand or kneel as able.)

Presider and **People:** 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
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 People:
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 to 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 sacrifice 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Presider: 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.

People: *Amen*

Presider: 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.**

FRACTION

Presider: 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.**

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

For those who do not have the consecrated wafers, you may say this prayer as others receive.

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Services

Presider: Let us pray:

Celebrant and

People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Great is the Lord

Smith/Schrader

During the postlude, the Altar Party will retire to the Sacristy and all others will move to the Parish Hall for the Annual Meeting. Those at home should remain logged in on Zoom until the meeting begins.

ANNUAL MEETING — *See Annual Report Booklet.*

THE BLESSING

Presider: 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 among You, and remain with you always.

People: *Amen.*

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers today are given by Charlotte and Pete Stryker,
for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

for February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 Mark 1:29-39
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury 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-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

*Ruth (Beegle), *Bob (Burton), Mark (Buttell), *Bill (Calvert), Olivia (Coconi), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Keith (Ferguson), *Jennie (Fjelde), Susan (Haerle), *Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Bishop Joseph, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), *Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Lisa (Prindle), Bob (Rafter), Lois (Rafter), David (Schaller), Jason (Schaller), Gabriel (Serrano), Melody (Serwich), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Heather (H.), David (J.), Kathie (O.), Bruce (W.), Breckin and Marilyn.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; the Birthdays of *Len (Banas), *Joy (Von Wolfersdorff) and *Frances (Rivoire); the Anniversary of *Len and *Diane (Banas); 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 those who have died and remember

the anniversary of the deaths of: John (Crawford), Christine (Silver), Ada Mae (Bell-Seubert), Percy (Henry), Lewis (Eversoll), Sara (Godfrey), Richard (Molitor), Marie (Marsden), Gwendolyn (Knautz), Jeannette (Linsley), Levon (Jackman), Grace (Vivian), George (Fiedler), Jeffrey (Arnold) and Gerald (Hyde).

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of January 31, 2020

The **2021 Annual Meeting of Grace Church** will be held today, Sunday, January 31st.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and broadcast from the Parish Hall shortly after the conclusion of the morning service. We have examined our by-laws and the diocesan canons and have found no impediments to an online meeting. The meeting will begin with a vote on a resolution to approve the procedures for an online meeting.

We will also elect Wardens and Vestry Members. The slate is as follows:

Senior Warden: Lynn Giles

Junior Warden: Richard Luther

Vestry Class of 2024: Crystal Mason, Phil Jackman

Greg Serwich, Tony Packard, and Anita Sands complete their terms respectively as Senior Warden and Vestry Members.

Zoom Poetry Meeting

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

EfM Meeting is Monday, February 1st, at 6:30pm online.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, February 3rd, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, February 5th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.



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The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop-Elect of Chicago
The Rev. Gloria G. Hopewell, D. Min., Rector
The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate
The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

Vestry

Greg Serwich	Sr. Warden	Lynn Giles	Jr. Warden
Richard Luther	Treasurer	Diann Marsh	Clerk
Anita Sands (2018-21)	Tony Packard (2018-21)	Charlotte Stryker (2019-22)	
Elizabeth Ludescher (2019-22)	Nancy Cook (2020-23)	Eric Kallback (2020-23)	

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