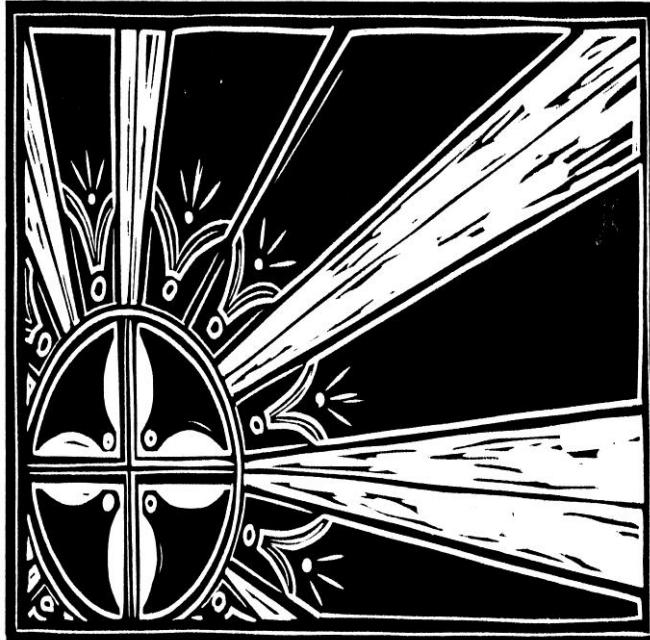




The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022 ~ 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector
Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ EPIPHANY +

GATHERING

* = *Rise* as you are able, in body or in spirit | ☧ = a customary time to “cross” oneself

PRELUDE

How brightly shines the morning star

Buxtehude

* ENTRANCE HYMN

How bright appears the morning star

Hymnal 497

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Arise, shine, for your light has come.

People **And the glory of the Lord has been revealed.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

* SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, your light has come

A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
A -rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
A -rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

WORD

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader A reading from the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19 (Sung by all)



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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends?
 cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me;
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Reader A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

*** SEQUENCE HYMN***The stars declare his glory**Hymnal 431**** THE GOSPEL**

Luke 4:14-21

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ. ✺ ✺ ✺**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

THE NICENE CREED

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. 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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor To God who is revealed in the gracious mystery of Jesus Christ our Lord, let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying, God of grace, make your glory known.

Give to your Church the will to live out the promise of our baptism, that the light of Christ, shining through us, may bring hope to the world. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, April, our priest, for Caroline, our Seminarian, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, and all members of the Church throughout the world. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor We pray for Joseph our President, the leaders of the nations, and for all the peoples of the earth. As we pattern our common life, guide us by the brightness of your holy wisdom. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor We pray for the war-torn areas of our world, and for all who live and serve in places of conflict; deliver us from oppression, violence and prejudice, and give to your people the blessing of peace. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor Draw near to all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit. Refresh those who are weary, bring healing to those who hurt, comfort those who mourn and hope to those who are neglected. Give us compassion to listen to our neighbors in need. We pray especially for Daniel, Joe, Karen, Tom, Glyn, Hannah, Lee, David, Valorie, Rhonda, Wilma, Bill, Patricia, Tony, Susan, Russell, Amanda, Jamie, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Ann;

We pray for Bren who is deployed as a nurse in the pandemic.

We pray for Nicole and Emily, who are with child.

We give thanks for the birth of Josephine Marie Moore on January 11 to Katie Poulos Moore and Sam Moore, sister-in-law and brother of Betsy Hawthorne Bedwell and niece and nephew of Jean Whisenant.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy those who are dying and those who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in the full revelation of your eternal glory. O God of grace,

People Make your glory known.

Presider In you, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through your law and prophets you formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour your Spirit on us today, that we who are Christ's body may bear the good news of your ancient promises to all who seek you. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

How Lovely are the Messengers

Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

TABLE

* THE PRESENTATION

Lasst uns erfreuen

Through north and south and east and west may God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Till everywhere beneath the sun, God's reign begins, God's will is done: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

* SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant



The Lord be with you.

People



And Also with you.

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 give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

SANCTUS

Treble clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Treble clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 4/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 3/4 time, B-flat key signature.
 Bass clef, 3/4 time, B-flat key signature.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 ho - ly
 Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

(The Celebrant continues)

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 his mother 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.

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,

People **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in Christ’s care, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Taste and See

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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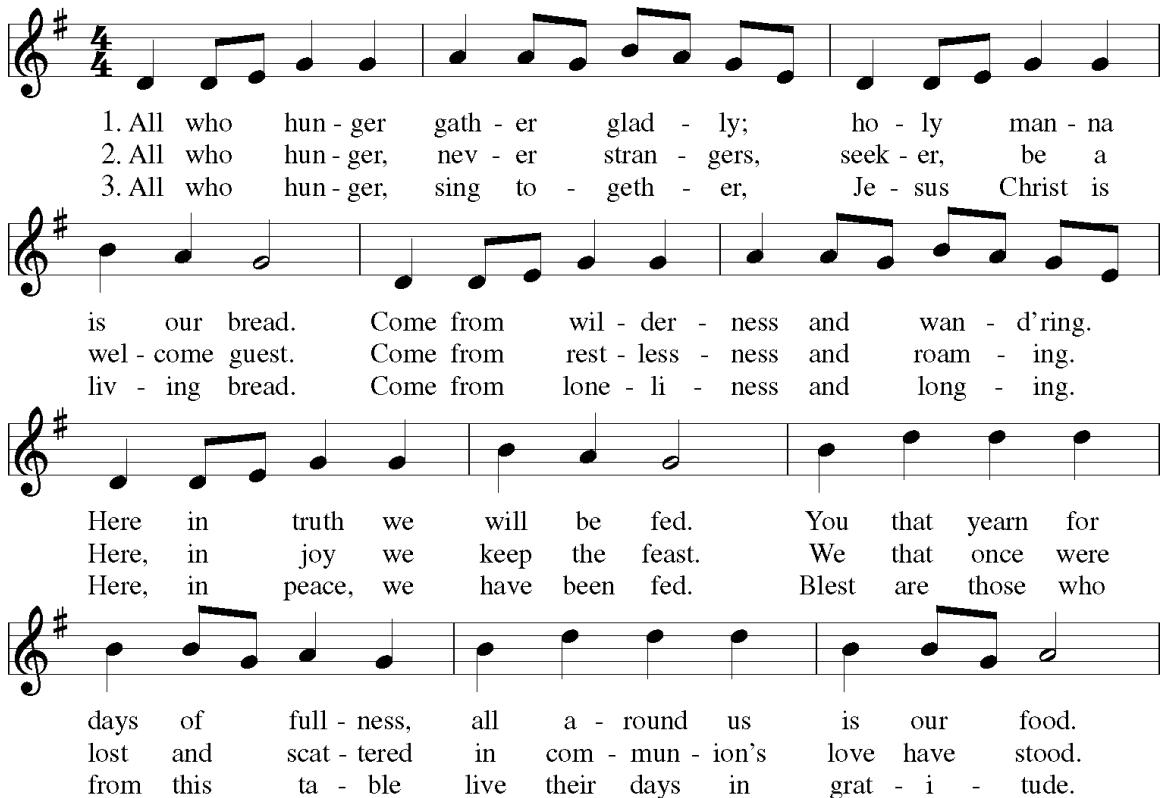
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION HYMN

All who hunger gather gladly



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

SENDING

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

* HYMN IN PROCESSION

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Hymnal 539

* THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

* POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Buxtehude

Preacher and Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Lectors	Andy Belcher, Susan Lagraff
Intercessor	Richard Hyatt
Crucifer	Jeff Bertrand
Lead Usher	Dick McGee
Organist	Karla Fowkes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Though our fall Stewardship campaign is officially over, the vestry, rector, staff and finance team are in the process of wrestling down budget numbers in light of funds pledged. If you have not made a pledge, please consider doing so! Please pray about what you may be called to offer as we make our commitments for the coming year. as we seek to name, celebrate and steward the gifts, financial and otherwise, that God has given us in this community of Grace. You may send pledge cards in the mail, drop them in the offering bags on Sunday morning, or make a pledge online at www.saygrace.net.

All are invited to celebrate the blessing and opening of the GreenGrace Arboretum, which has received its certification thanks to the long planning and labors of our splendid grounds workers. The blessing, officiated by Bishop Brian Cole, will begin at 2:00 p.m. on this afternoon and will be followed by an outdoor reception.

Please join us on Sunday, January 30 after the 10:45 a.m. service for a reception to honor and bid a proper farewell to David Burman. Pray for fair skies and let Terry Burnett or Phaen Stone know if you're willing to bake cookies or help with set up or clean up!

The GreenGrace Environmental Team, whose meeting was cancelled last week due to illness, will meet on Sunday, February 6, in the Merritt Room around 12:15 p.m. (after the 10:45 a.m. service). Lunch will be provided. Come discuss ways to address how we can directly fight environmental collapse in our own church and community and work towards an action-based approach to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.

Grace has moved to BREEZE for directory and donation services; this site can be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item “BREEZE” at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is ‘saygrace’ and the password is ‘Chattanooga’. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

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Use P.O. Box for Checks/Important Documents -- Because hard times have made checks in our mailbox more vulnerable than in the past, we are asking everyone who's sending anything valuable or important to the church to use Grace's P.O. box address: **P.O. Box 80954, Chattanooga, TN 37414.**

Material for Sunday's bulletins should be sent to the office no later than the previous Wednesday.

Donations may be made through the text-number and QR code below:

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