



**Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer  
January 17, 2021  
8:00 a.m.**

**Officiant**

The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind

Grace Episcopal Church, 123 W. Washington Street, Lexington, VA

**Morning Prayer Rite One**  
**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**January 17, 2021**

*The Officiant begins the service*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Confession of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*Officiant*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true  
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant*      O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People*        And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

*Officiant*

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: O come, let us adore him.

*Officiant and People*

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
    and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
    and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
    and we are the people of his pasture  
        and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
    let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
    and with righteousness to judge the world  
        and the peoples with his truth.

*Officiant*

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: O come, let us adore him.

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** (Lu Dooley)

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.  
2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.  
3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
    but you, O LORD, know it altogether.  
4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
    and lay your hand upon me.  
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
    it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
    you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
    your works are wonderful, and I know it well.  
14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
    while I was being made in secret  
        and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
    all of them were written in your book; \*  
    they were fashioned day by day,  
    when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
    how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
    to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (William McCorkle)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader        The Word of the Lord

People        Thanks be to God

**Canticle 4 The Song of Zechariah**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
    for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
    in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
    which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
    and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*

that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
    might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
    all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
    for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
    for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
    whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Diana Kenney)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

*Officiant and People*

### Canticle 7 We Praise Thee

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
    the Father, of an infinite majesty,  
    thine adorable, true, and only Son,  
    also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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People        Thanks be to God

Sermon

Fr. Tuck

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
    born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, dead, and buried.  
    He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      ***And with thy spirit.***

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and 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.

(led by Lu Dooley, response Fr. Tuck)

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

*Officiant*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Prayers of the People** (Lu Dooley)

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Bourlakas.*

*Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Susan Williams, Ned Glenn (Brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Olivia Patton, Liz Moss, Jeanne Eichelberger, Rachel Pattison, Ely Turner (friend of Rob Minor), Peter Fyfe, Jack Hershbell, Pat Gibson, Eloise Adams, Mike Frascati, Alleane Taebel, Dot Fogo, Vivian & Isabella (Carl Pattison's granddaughter and great granddaughter), Mary Stuart Gilliam, Lucy Moise, Dean Stenzel, Kate Roy Christian, Colton (great grandson of Polly Lawrence), Susan Lawrence, Jim Adams.*

*Pray for those serving in the military, especially Michael Bryant.*

*Pray for those who have died, especially Aris Waring and Brian Lily (nephew of Susan Lawrence).*

*Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.*

*In thanksgiving for the birthdays for this week and next of Elizabeth Boetsch (1/19), Paul Strickland (1/20), Maille Carrington (1/26), Molly Hellwig (1/27), Sean Carrington (1/27), Jane Brooke (1/29), Melissa Gladwell-Sayre (1/30), Tom Gosse (1/31).*

*Officiant:* Let us lift our hearts to the One who calls us, saying, We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

*Reader:* We pray for the Church, that the hearts of the leaders and those who are led be turned toward you. Call us to support your work in the world through the Church. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Tuck our Priest.

***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for those who govern the nations of the world, that their leadership be wise and compassionate. Call us to informed and cooperative citizenship. We pray for Donald our President, Ralph our Governor, the Congress and courts of the land.

***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for people in every corner of the world, especially for those who lack adequate food, shelter and hope. Call us to compassionate action. We pray for healing of the unrest in our nation.

***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for those close to our hearts who suffer from illness, anxiety; who face challenges and transitions; who struggle with your will in their lives.

***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

We pray for those who will be born this day, that they will be embraced by loving communities. We pray for those who are dying and those who now rest in your eternal embrace, especially Avis and Brian.

***We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.***

*Officiant:* Almighty God, who by the hand of Moses thy servant didst lead thy people out of slavery, and didst make them free at last: Grant that thy Church, following the example of thy prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of thy love, and may strive to secure for all thy children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*      *Ephesians 3:20, 21*