

First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021 10:00am

Online Service

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PRELUDE :

Fugue in C

Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD

Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You. I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You. I want to see You.**

**To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.**

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says:

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.*

Gloria said

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE WORD *of GOD*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE:

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said,

“Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

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.**

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles B.W. Hamill

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

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.

THE PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Form 3 BCP p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer: We pray especially for Kate, Kent, Chad, Myra, Mark, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Nancy, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhari, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Lennart Nicholson, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrío, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Len Pass, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Penny, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Tom, Bjorn, Laura, AJ, Tony, Michelle, Nathaniel and Tanya Burnham, Erin, Jim Donahue, Brian, Sandee, Sue, Veronica, Beth, Billy, Rosalie Isele, Emily, Patrick Roderick, Ray, Bob Antoniac, Cam, Nina, Reina, Shaine, Jessica, Ed Courtney, Cathy Auger, Valerie and Richard Beers, Dennis Dwyer, Coral, Mary, Julie, Peggy, Bill, Kendra, Molly and Donna and the staff and residents of Gladeview. Please add your own petitions...(Pause)...for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church especially Arthur Carl Salldin for whom the altar flowers were given... and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***People:* To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 360, BCP)

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes Of My Heart

arr. by Carol Tornquist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP pg. 367)

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *all say*

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever..

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 135

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

Salzburg

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

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

Celebrant and People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE:

Simple Gifts

James Kasen

CONTINUING PRAYERS

We ask your continuing prayers for others in our diocese and for those in our parish family who are serving in the armed forces. Please prayer for:

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James, Danbury. For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

The leaders of the nations, for those in the service of our country: Travis Board, J.C. Glick, Dornn Harris, Christopher Parham, Joshua Rinier, Nathaniel Burnham, Daniel Martin, Christian White, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randal, Daniel Kronz, Tom Cote, Branden Peace and John Christensen and crew.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: Jan 10– Jan 17

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Officers Meeting (Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch: TO-GO Food Only!
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Zoom)
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer (sanctuary)
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Church Offices Hours:

Monday- Closed, Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 AM– 1:00 PM

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Matt Stosse	8 am
	Pete Ross	10 am
LECTOR:	Clive Cowper	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Gretchen DiGiannantonio, Steve North	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Elaine Seaforth, Karen Newton	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Katy Anthony	

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Arthur Carl Salldin.*

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill
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Senior Warden, Matt Stosse
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Treasurer, John Kennedy
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Clerk Pro Tem, David Condren
Vestry Members: Cathy Auger, Dale Schneider, Alan Buroff,
Carly Trask-Kuchta, Robert Mulvihill, Cherie Suhie

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Grace Invitation to New Book Study into Advent

The Women of Grace have concluded their Advent Study and will return to studying Philippians (picking up at chapter 4) using the Life Change Study book beginning on January 8th. The group will be meeting on Zoom (online) until the weather warms up again. For more information and questions, contact Kathy Bartus by email bartuskab53@aol.com or Christina Burnham at whh1773@rocketmail.com. Or you can contact the church office for more info at 860-388-0895.

Study and material resource needs!?

If you need any resources either for prayer, study or even material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie at the office, 860-388-0895, or go to our website, GraceOldSaybrook.org and click on the “COVID19” button for more updated info and resources.

Altar Flower Memorials

Just a reminder that though we haven't had in-person, in-sanctuary worship together in a long time, the Altar Guild is still accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to “Grace Church Altar Guild” in memory of loved ones. For more information, please contact Barbara Bowie by email at coljim95@gmail.com or Betty Salldin at bettysalldin@sbcglobal.net

Sunday and Holiday Sermon CD's and Grace Church Newsletters...

If you are interested in sharing or hearing the sermons again, you can order a CD with any Sunday's Sermon from our Digital Media Communications Director, Kate McKinney. In addition to our CD ministry, would you like to receive an email (digital) version of our monthly newsletter with updated events and pastoral notes and letters? For more info on the getting on the newsletter email list or to order CD's with the Sunday Sermons, email Kate at katmckey@gmail.com, leave a message for her at the church phone, 860-388-0895, or catch her after the 10am service on most Sundays.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line is back!

We have a wonderful heritage of prayer. In the 70s, a Prayer Line was established at Grace. Now, after a few years' hiatus, the Prayer Line is up and running and again.

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Barbara Bowie). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins!

The Prayer Line is available to receive requests 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. Typically, the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00 pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately.

We are so grateful to have this ministry active again. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

We will continue to accept non-perishable food donations throughout the fall and winter. The basket will remain outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of food they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, typical food needs include soup cans, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice and cereal. In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

New sanctuary artistic tapestry from Amber Bierkan

You may remember seeing one of Amber's amazing tapestries in the sanctuary last year around Christmas time. Well, she has been generous enough to share another one of her beautiful pieces of art! On the sanctuary wall hangs a quilt of the Nativity scene that Amber calls "Follow Your Star".

In the wall hanging Amber shares this meaning: The Christ Child symbolizes Love. The roof of the manger symbolizes everyone under one roof. In these troubled times with so much conflict in our world, God wants us to Love the Christ Child and bring everyone under one roof. During this Christmas season may we all be focused on all being welcome in the Lord.

Amber's prayer for Grace Church is that we may represent a peaceful, loving place in our troubled world and continue to strive to love one another, be accepting of each other, and respect our differences all while embracing our Lord Jesus Christ.

We will make sure the camera picks up an image of the tapestry for the live-stream service, but if you are around the church, please enjoy this wonderful piece from Amber. Thank you, Amber, for once again sharing your wonderful gift with Grace Church!