

GRACE  
ANGLICAN  
CHURCH

January 18, 2026  
*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

Welcome to the weekly worship that has been celebrated in Anglican churches for centuries. This leaflet includes everything you need to participate in today's service. Congregational responses are in italics.

1. As the congregation sings an opening hymn of praise, the cross leads the procession into the church. In this way, the cross draws us into worship, as Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32).
2. At the beginning of each service, a seasonal (appropriate to Lent, Epiphany, Easter, etc) greeting is exchanged, locating us in the flow of the church year.
3. During this prayer that "collects" the prayers of the gathered congregation, we acknowledge who God is and recognize our need for his grace to love and worship him (John 4:24).
4. The summary of the law has shown us our sin. Now, we make the only proper response: to ask God to have mercy on us, which he will do on account of Christ (Titus 3:5).

### **Hymn <sup>1</sup> – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return 'til thy mercy's beams I see; 'til they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY (1740), MUSIC: JOHANN GOTTLÖB WERNER (C.1800)

### **The Acclamation <sup>2</sup>**

I will make you as a light for the nations,  
*That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

### **The Collect for Purity <sup>3</sup>**

*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.*

### **The Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 22:37-40

Lord, have mercy upon us. <sup>4</sup>

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

- 5. Dating from the 4th century, the Gloria finds its first source in the joyful hymn of the heavenly host (Luke 2:14) and is a fitting way to rejoice in God's provision of a savior.
- 6. Another "collection" of the prayers of the church, this prayer sets forth a theme that unifies the worship that follows.
- 7. The Bible is our foundation and final authority in all matters of Christian faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16).  
  
Each week we read from one of the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' life as well as another passage from either the Old or New Testament.

## The Gloria<sup>5</sup>

*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<sup>6</sup>

The Lord be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Reading<sup>7</sup> – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

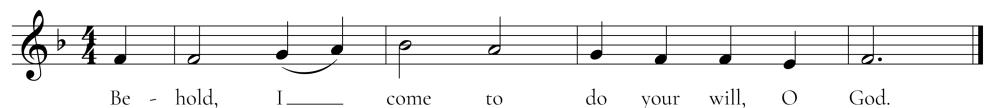
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

8. Churches—and synagogues before them—have been singing the psalms since they were composed. Singing the word of God has immense power; God wrote the psalms, and he loves to hear them sung. Singing psalms transforms us by instilling the word of God deeply into our hearts and minds, acting as a theological framework for our emotions and prayers (Ephesians 5:19).

## The Psalm <sup>8</sup> – Psalm 40:1-10



I waited patiently upon the Lord;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.  
Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

*[Antiphon]*

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us!  
there is none who can be compared with you.  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
but they are more than I can count.  
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
(you have given me ears to hear you);  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

*[Antiphon]*

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.

*[Antiphon]*

9. The Gospel is read in the midst of the people as a symbol of Jesus' incarnation, that Christ came into the world to live as one of us, to die in our place, and to be raised again for our justification (John 1:14).

### Hymn – I Sought the Lord

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me  
It was not I that found, O savior true  
It was not I, no, I was found of thee

#### *Chorus*

Not I, but Christ, not I, but Christ  
Thou art the seeker, and I the found *[x2]*

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold  
I walked and sank not on the stormy sea  
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold  
As thou, dear Lord, had taken hold of me

What but such grace can woo my heart to love  
To worship thee and seek my neighbor's best  
When in the end I reach the heavens above  
All was of grace that lifted me to rest

#### *After final chorus*

Glory to God, and to the Son, and to the Spirit  
For I am found. To God the glory, for I am found.

WORDS BY JEAN INGELOW (1878) AND ZAC HICKS (2017), MUSIC BY ZAC HICKS (2017)

### The Gospel<sup>9</sup> – John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

- io. The sermon in a Christian church both helps the congregation understand the meaning of the biblical texts that have been read and proclaims the Good News about Jesus: that though we are great sinners, he is a greater savior (1 Tim. 1:15).
- ii. Composed around the time of the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, this early statement of belief sums up the essential core of the Christian faith, believed the world over and throughout time.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon <sup>io</sup> – The Rev. Nick Lannon**

#### **The Nicene Creed <sup>ii</sup>**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.

- 12. Used in this way, catholic means universal
- 13. After affirming their faith in the words of the Creed, the people petition the Lord in prayer (John 14:13).

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<sup>12</sup> 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<sup>13</sup>**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Steve, our Archbishop; Alan, Quigg, Paul, and Steve, our Bishops; Nick, Jacob, and David, our Priests; and Michael, our Deacon; that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*[Silence]*

14.

**Missions Partners**

- Refuge International
- Samir and Intervarsity
- Mission Hope Appalachia
- Friends of Gahini

15.

**Prayers**

- Megan Regal
- Sarah Skinner
- BettyLee Payne
- Bob & Diane Shaffer
- Piper Regal

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world,<sup>14</sup> and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.<sup>15</sup>

*[Silence; you are invited to offer up your own prayers at this time, either silently or aloud.]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

16. The confession of sin and the assurance of pardon is the bedrock of the Christian faith. God promises to forgive all those who ask for it (1 John 1:9).
17. Having confessed our sins, been absolved by Christ's finished work, and heard comforting biblical words assuring us it's all true, we can share the peace we have with God with one another (Col. 3:15).

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin<sup>16</sup>

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Comfortable Words

Hear these words of comfort from Christ and his apostles:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

## The Peace<sup>17</sup>

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And with your spirit.*

- 18. As the music team makes its offering to the Lord, the congregation takes a moment to prepare their hearts for the communion service.
- 19. Representatives of the congregation bring the offering forward and it is set on the table with our offerings of bread and wine. Everything we have comes from God, and it is only from his generosity that we can give at all (James 1:17).

## Offertory<sup>18</sup> – In the Beams of the Son

As the wisdom of this world shades the light and clouds my way,  
 Plant my heart in the beams of the Son.  
 As the folly of this age here eclipses every truth,  
 Plant my heart in the beams of the Son.

### *Chorus*

Root my soul deep in the soil of Christ,  
 Build my life upon his death;  
 Raise me up with him; new life by faith,  
 Plant my heart in the beams of the Son.

As the tempests of this life hurl my soul toward darkened night,  
 Plant my heart in the beams of the Son.

As the thorns of grief and pain choke my joy and block the light,  
 Plant my heart in the beams of the Son.

### *Bridge*

Plant us, plant us deep inside his fertile tomb;  
 Wash us, wash us with the water and the Word.  
 Feed us, feed us with the body and the blood.  
 Raise us, raise us in the light of Jesus Christ.

Now established by your grace, like a city on a hill,  
 May my life bear the beams of the Son.

Holy Spirit, run the race, cause your fruit to flower still,  
 May my life bear the beams of the Son.

WORDS & MUSIC: WEN REAGAN & ZAC HICKS (2019)

## The Presentation<sup>19</sup>

*[The congregation stands]*

Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need  
 My best good works are powerless, to satisfy your righteousness  
 But there is one who lived for me, his life, my only victory  
 His death forever sealed in time, that I am his and he is mine  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 praise him, all creatures here below  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORDS: TRADITIONAL; ZAC HICKS & JULIE ANNE VARGAS

MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS (1551) ARR. ZAC HICKS & JULIE ANNE VARGAS (2014)

20. The first section of this refrain, called the *Sanctus*, is the song of the seraphim in Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6:3), while the second section includes the words from the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:9). It is a hymn of praise that joins the voices of the faithful with the angels in heaven.

21. Here is the core of the Gospel: Jesus died on the cross as the substitute for sinners. God's anger at sin is poured out, but not on those who deserve it. In Christ, he takes it back into himself, a perfectly satisfying atonement for anyone who puts their faith in Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21).

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,  
*And of your own have we given you.*

### **The Communion Service**

The Lord be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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:

*Holy, Holy, Holy,<sup>20</sup> 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 Prayer of Consecration**

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.<sup>21</sup>

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

22.

Recitation of Jesus' words and acts has been central in all Eucharistic prayers since the third century. This form of the story is based chiefly on Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11 and Luke's story of the Last Supper (Luke 22).

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>22</sup>

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

- 23. We pray as Jesus taught his disciples (Matt. 6:9-13).
- 24. Referencing Jesus' interaction with a Syrophoenician woman (Mark 7:24-30), this prayer ensures that we do not approach God's table because we deserve to, but because God is merciful in Christ.

### **The Lord's Prayer <sup>23</sup>**

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

*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**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

*Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **The Prayer of Humble Access <sup>24</sup>**

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
*Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
*Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
*Grant us your peace.*

25. This prayer sums up what God has done with us in Holy Communion and reminds us that he is now sending us out as missionaries into the world (Eph. 2:10).

26. Based on Philippians 4:7, this blessing asks God to keep us ever mindful of what he's done for us, and reminds the congregation that no matter where we go from here, God has promised to be with us (Matthew 28:20).

*[The table is Christ's, not ours; all baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive, come forward when your row joins the line in the center aisle and extend your hands in front of you with your palms up. Then, proceed to your side's chalice and either take a sip of wine or dip your wafer into the wine before consuming it. Then return to your seat. If you are not baptized, you are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing; indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are interested in baptism, please see a member of the clergy. Gluten free elements are available on the table; if you would like to partake of those, please cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the celebrant and then serve yourself.]*

## The Post Communion Prayer<sup>25</sup>

Let us pray.

*Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Welcome

### The Blessing<sup>26</sup>

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

27.

Here, we are sent out into the world in mission, fueled by the worship service in which we have just participated. The Holy Spirit will empower us to go—as we pray in the Post-Communion Prayer—do all the good works that God has prepared for us to walk in. These good works are his gift to us, the fruit of the Gospel.

### Hymn – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

WORDS: HENRY VAN DYKE (1907), MUSIC: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1824)

### The Dismissal <sup>27</sup>

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**January 21, 5:00 pm**

*Wednesday Night Kick-Off*

Each Wednesday Night during the semester, we gather for Evening Prayer at 5pm, dinner at 5:45, and Bible study at 6:30. The youth and adults are studying Joshua, and there is a class for children. Nursery care is available.

**February 8, 11:10 am**

*Budget Presentation Meeting*

After church (11:10am), there will be a parish meeting at which the vestry will present the 2026 budget to the congregation. Grace Kids programming (nursery and Sunday school) will continue during this parish meeting.

**February 3, 6:30 pm**

*Women's Study*

On the first Tuesday of each month, the women of Grace Church (18+ or high school graduate) meet to study the names by which God identifies himself in Scripture.

**February 17, 5:00 pm**

*Pancake Open House*

On Shrove Tuesday we'll gather at the Rectory (open house 5pm-8pm) to enjoy pancakes and each other's company. At 6:30pm, we'll celebrate a short liturgy and burn last year's Palm Sunday palm fronds!

**February 18, 6:00 pm**

*Ash Wednesday Service*

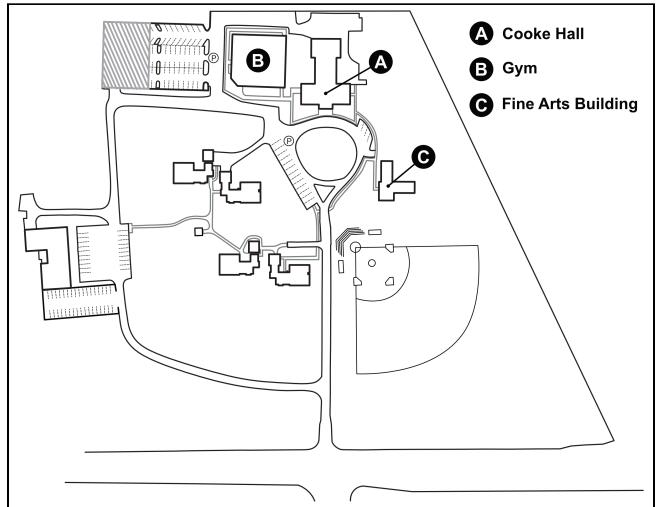
At this poignant service of Holy Communion, we'll remember that we are but dust, and to dust we shall return. Nevertheless, this service still points to that great day—at the end of Lent—when Jesus is raised from the dead and we inherit eternal life.



Visit our Events page to explore full details and registration info for all of our upcoming events.



Join us on Wednesday nights!  
Details and dinner sign-up [here](#).



## Sunday Morning Classes

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**  
Cooke Hall, downstairs

**7yrs-2nd grade**  
Cooke Hall, library

**3rd-5th grade**  
Fine Arts building, main entrance

**Youth**  
Gym lobby

**Numbers**  
Cooke Hall, worship space

**Exploration class**  
Fine Arts Building, side entrance