GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

From the Book of Common Prayer,
Expansive Language

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
10:00 AM
January 18, 2025

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Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church! ¡Bienvenidos a Grace!

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Restrooms are in two places. Through the side doors and down the hall, there are two, single-stall restrooms. If you keep going down the hallway to the Parish Hall and turn left, there are multi-stall restrooms (with handicap stalls).

Coffee Hour takes place directly after the 10 am service in the Parish Hall. Exit the sanctuary through the side doors and turn right down the hallway. Keep going and you'll reach the Parish Hall!

Welcome! To meet with a clergy member, please fill out of Welcome Card located under the seat in front of you.

About our Worship

- We use a set service order called a "liturgy," taken from the Book of Common Prayer located under the seat in front of you. The order of worship stays (mostly) the same week to week and we share it with all other Episcopal Churches.
- Our worship involves words, music, and movement. Items italicized or listed in red *(rubrics)* are notes about when we stand, sit, and kneel, and what we say and sing together. You are welcome to follow the rubrics or simply sit and listen.
- Children are always welcome. Children's Chapel takes place between the Collect and the Peace. Younger children and their caregivers are welcome to sit in our "Pray Ground," located near the back of the sanctuary, as desired.

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Paul English, *piano and director*; Laura Jane Jones, *voice;* Brady Weldon, *baritone*; Horace Alexander Young III, *sax and vocals*; Nils Jonsson, *violin;* Katherine Moore, *violin*

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:00 AM

In silence, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship to begin.

Prelude *Corcovado*

As the Opening Hymn and Procession begin, the people stand as able.

Opening Hymn *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*

Celebrant Blessed be God, most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People then say together

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

Glory to God in the Highest

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays

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, worshipped, 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.**

Then, as the people are seated, children ages 4-10 are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah. *Isaiah 49: 1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalm 40: 1-12

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse with the lector beginning and the congregation responding with the bolded text.

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 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.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 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.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Lesson

Reader A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians. *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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *The People stand as able* *Blessed be Jesus at Thy Word*

The Gospel

John 1: 29-42

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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.”

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).

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Marcia Sadbury

The Nicene Creed | El Credo Niceno

The People stand as able.

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
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,
Who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Creemos en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso,
Creador de cielo y tierra,
de todo lo visible e invisible.
Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,
Hijo único de Dios,
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no creado,
de la misma naturaleza que el Padre,
por quien todo fue hecho;
que por nosotros y por nuestra salvación
bajó del cielo:
por obra del Espíritu Santo
se encarnó de María, la Virgen,
y se hizo hombre.
Por nuestra causa fue crucificado
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato:
padeció y fue sepultado.
Resucitó al tercer día,
según las Escrituras,
subió al cielo
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre.
De nuevo vendrá con gloria
para juzgar a vivos y muertos,
y su reino no tendrá fin.
Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor
y dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,
que con el Padre y el Hijo
recibe una misma adoración y gloria,
y que habló por los profetas.
Creemos en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica
y apostólica.
Reconocemos un solo Bautismo
para el perdón de los pecados.
Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos
y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishops, Andy, Hector, Jeff, Kai, and Brian; our clergy, Ryan, Alejandro, and Dawn, as well as all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for our seminarian, Seth; **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Grace Episcopal School, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; **For those who teach and for those who learn.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list this morning:

Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Silence may be kept.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The People stand as able. 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 may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

If you are new or visiting with us today, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located under the seat in front of you, or scan the QR code.

Blessing for Birthdays and Anniversaries
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Will You Come and Follow Me

Doxology

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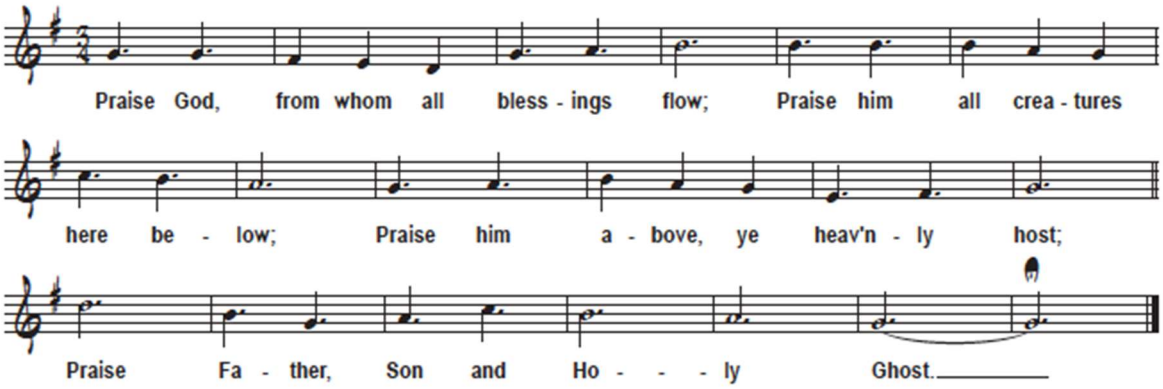

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Celebrant says

God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The people stand or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues with the prayer.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.
Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer | El Padre Nuestro

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

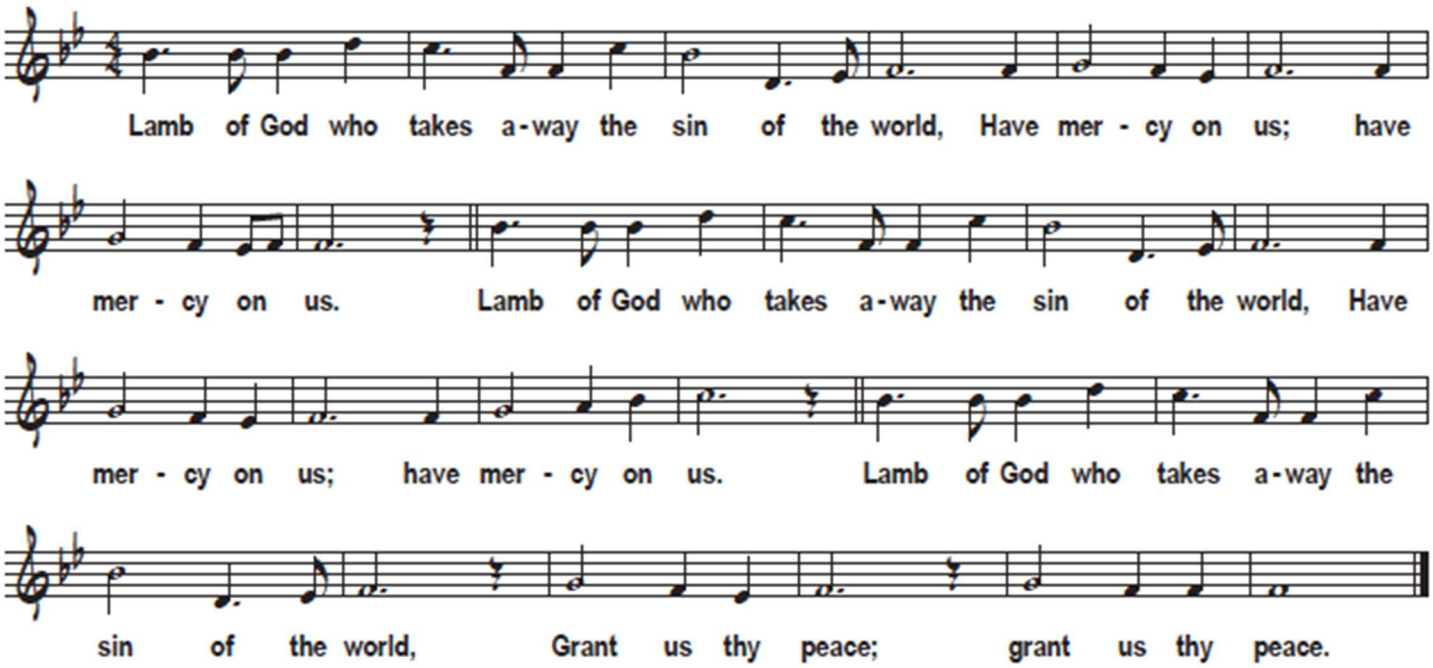
Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem *O Lamb of God*



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

How to Receive Communion:

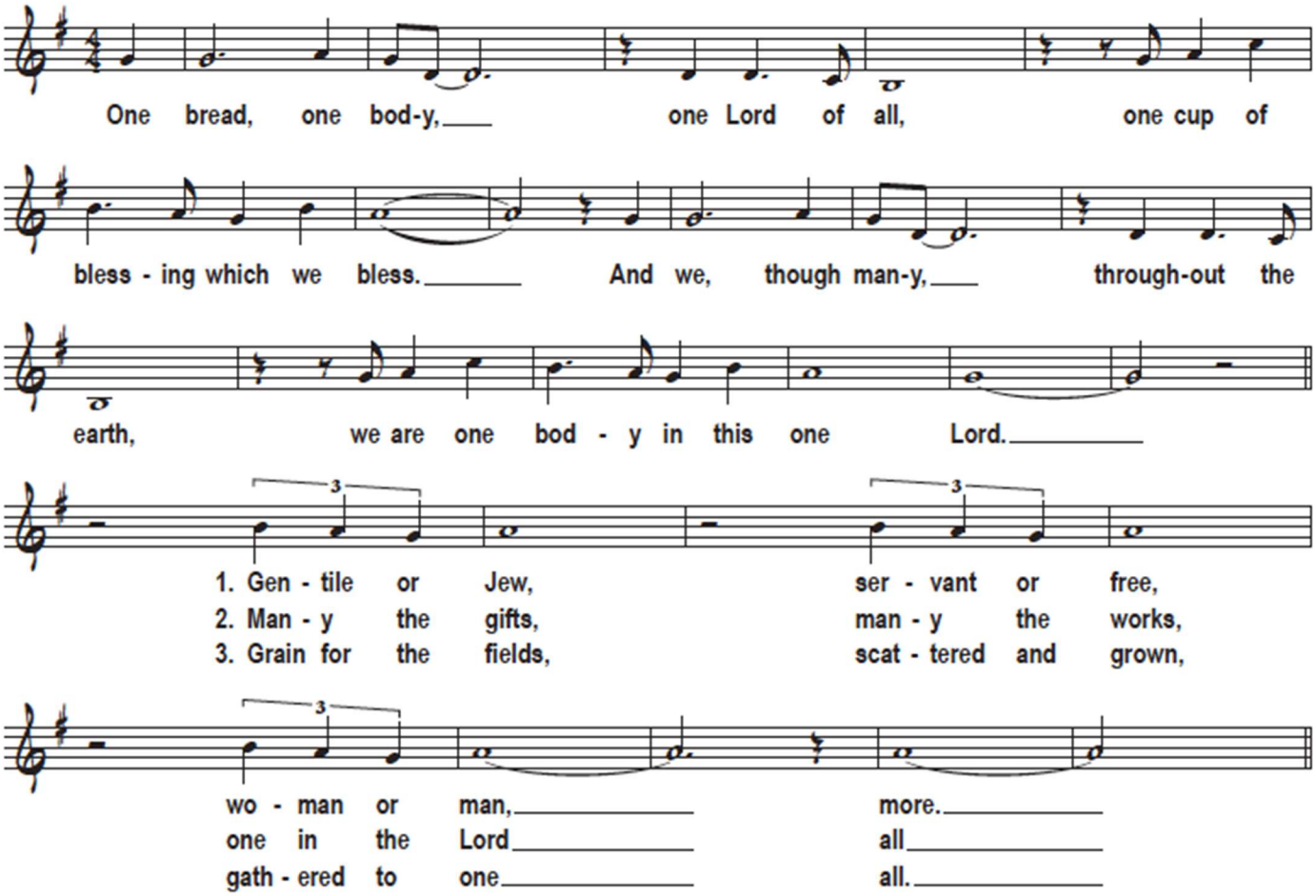
The ushers will signal when it is time for you to move to the front to receive Communion. If you are not able to process to the altar rail, please let an usher know so that Eucharistic ministers may serve you from your seat.

Holy Communion may be received in the Bread only ("in one kind"), or in both Bread and Wine ("in both kinds"). Wine may be received by dipping the Bread (wafer) slightly into the chalice ("intinction") or by drinking directly from the chalice.

Those not receiving the Sacrament may approach with others, crossing arms across the chest to indicate a desire for the Priest to administer a prayer of blessing.

If you would like to pray with someone, our healing prayer ministers are waiting to pray with you in the Columbarium Chapel (back right of the sanctuary).

Communion Music *One Bread, One Body*



Communion Music

There is a Balm in Gilead

The Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

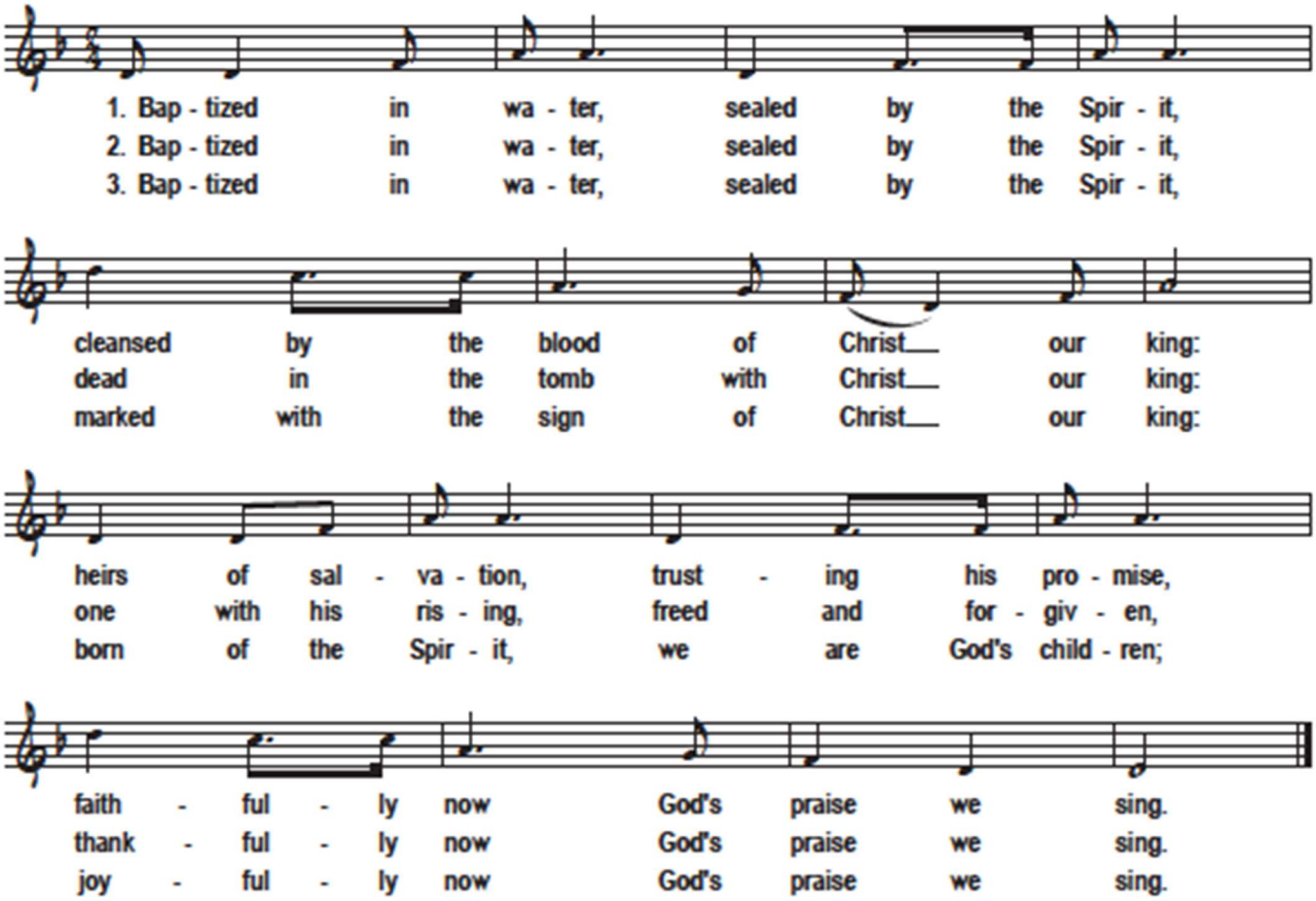
The Benediction

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of Life, enfold you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Baptized in Water



The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. (Turn left out of the sanctuary, then right down the hallway.)

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Announcements

Have an announcement you'd like to share? Submit your information no later than the Tuesday before the Sunday you'd like it to be shared to office@graceinhouston.org.

Annual Parish Meeting and Lunch – Our annual parish meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, immediately following the 10 AM liturgy. Please plan to stay for updates regarding our parish, an overview of our 2026 budget, as well as vestry and diocesan council delegate elections.

Coffee Hour Hosts –A big thank you to Valerie Carter and Charmian Kendrick for hosting coffee hour today, January 18, 2026. If you are interested in hosting coffee hour, please contact the Hospitality Ministry.

GraceLine—Are you reading our weekly newsletter? If not, you're missing out. The GraceLine includes upcoming events and is designed to keep you in the know. Remember to sign up for the newsletter and read it to stay up to date with Grace.