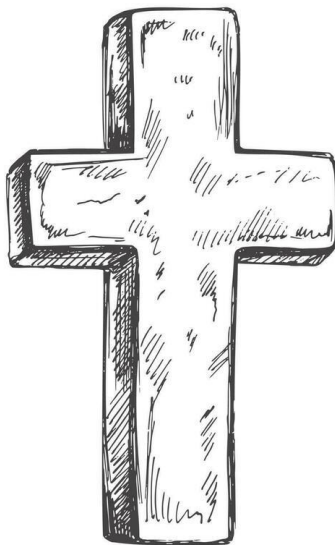


Grace Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
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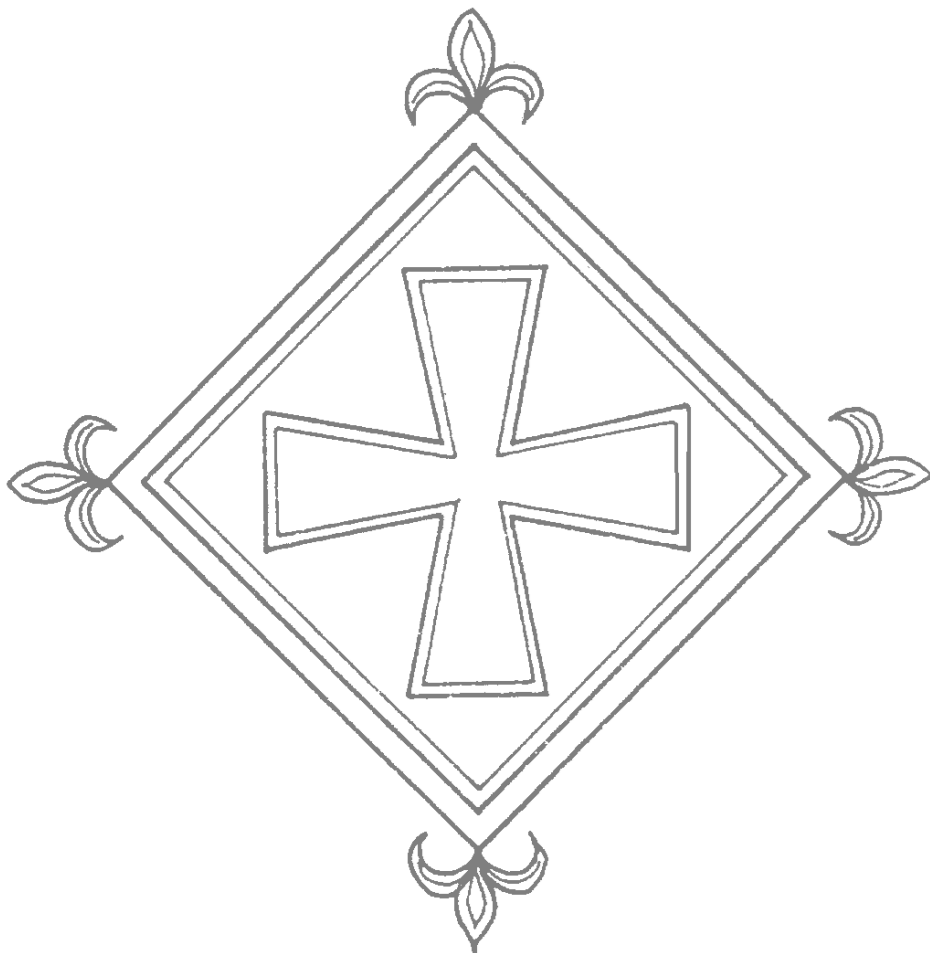
Welcome

Welcome to Grace Church – we are glad you are here! Whether you are a regular attender or first-time visitor, we hope today you find here a place to draw close to God. We welcome all as we gather to seek God through word, prayer, and sacrament. We seek to fulfill our baptismal commitment to love, serve, and treat each person with dignity. Service information is found in this leaflet, additionally, we use the red Book of Common Prayer and the blue Hymnal in your pew.

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

Offerings may be made on-line at www.gracekirkwood.org/give.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Sinfonia

JS Bach

Hymn H 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Ton-y Botel

THE WORD OF GOD

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Please stand as you are able.

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Gloria in excelsis S280

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector The Word of The Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-9

Please join in reading responsively by whole verse.

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector The Word of The Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 601

O day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lisa M Corry

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Our gracious God listens to those whose work is to enable righteousness and justice and to uphold compassion and mercy: We shall call upon the Lord, and God shall answer; we shall cry for help and God will say, Here I am. And so we offer our prayers to God, saying: Light shines in the darkness for the upright, who are merciful and full of compassion.

Intervessor We pray for the Church, proclaiming Christ crucified, so that our faith might not rest on human wisdom but on the power of God: May Christ reveal what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, but what has been prepared for all who love God. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

People **who are merciful and full of compassion**

Intervessor We pray for the leaders of the nations and the leaders in our own country, that inspired by God's vision, they will loose the bonds of injustice and undo the thongs of the yoke; that they will let the oppressed go free and feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

People **who are merciful and full of compassion**

Intervessor We pray for all who need God's help throughout the world, that they may not be afraid of any evil rumors; may their hearts be established and never shrink. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

People **who are merciful and full of compassion**

Intercessor We pray for this community, that all may manage their affairs with justice so that their descendants may be mighty in the land and generations of the upright may be blessed. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

People **who are merciful and full of compassion**

Intercessor We pray for the sick, the suffering and all those who are alone, remembering especially, _____. We give God thanks, especially for _____. We pray for those who have died, that they may live in light perpetual, remembering especially _____. Light shines in the darkness for the upright,

People **who are merciful and full of compassion**

Celebrant Gracious and wonderful God, you have called us to be salt in a bitter world and to be light in the shadow of injustice and oppression: Grant us strength and courage to bring your light to all who live among us and beyond us, that the whole world may be enlightened to see your good works and give glory to you, our Infinite God, through the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand or kneel.

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant 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 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 Absolution

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The Peace

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

Beautiful Savioe arr.

Linda Scholes
St Dunstan Handbell Choir

Doxology Hymn 380 v 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Please stand as you are able.

Following the Sanctus please stand or kneel.

Sanctus S130

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive communion.

Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. Inform an usher if communion in the pew is needed.

Music During Communion

Longing for Light

Bernadette Farrell
Jace Heigham solo

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**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

May you be salt and light to the world, that you may shine, and do good works, and give glory to God.

May you join Christ's work to loose the bonds of injustice through compassion for the poor so that Christ's light may break forth like the dawn.

May the Holy Spirit reveal to you what no eye has seen, nor ear, heard, nor the human heart conceived—what the Holy One has prepared for those who love God.

And the blessing of our compassionate God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you an enlighten you, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cum Rhondda

The Dismissal

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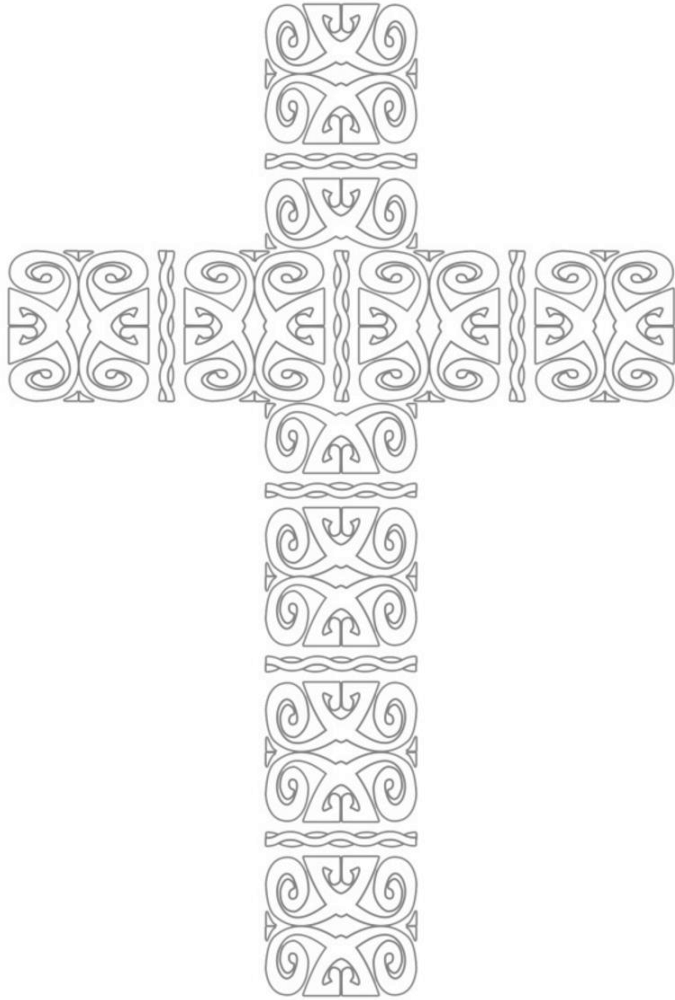
Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation arr.

David M. Cherwien





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