

# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

David Aldrete ~ Choirmaster

Susan Scranton ~ Pianist

**Welcome to Grace Parish!** We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

**Visitors, we would like to meet you!** Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

## ~ The Baptism of Our Lord ~



**8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I** \*Red Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
Eucharistic Prayer 1 \*BCP p. 333



**10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II**

**Processional Hymn 135** *Salzburg*

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

### **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

**Gloria S278** *William Mathias*

“Gloria”

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7** *Micah Palpant*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** *Afferte Domino* Anglican Chant

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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17** Miles Bresee

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When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 120**

*Solemnis haec festivitas*

“The sinless one to Jordan came ”

**The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

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**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People for the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord**

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Christ was revealed as the Beloved Son, we turn to God our Father, confident that he will hear and answer our prayers, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church, that all who have been baptized will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give united witness to the Lord.

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

For all those who do not yet know Jesus as the beloved Son of God, that they may open their hearts and come to believe in the Good News. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For peace with justice throughout the world, that all people will turn from hatred to love and from violence to peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

For a true spirit of humility and evangelism that, in our preaching, prayer and example, we may always point away from ourselves and towards the living Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those in our parish, both children and adults, who will be baptized in the coming year. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the sick, the lonely, the housebound and the vulnerable that, in the midst of their suffering, they will experience the loving arms of Christ. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Open the heavens, Almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here in prayer. Renew in us the grace of our Baptism so that we may reflect ever more faithfully the image of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

BCP p. 360

### **The Peace**

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

**Blessing** (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem

Robert Lau

“Come and Sing!”  
Grace Parish Choir

Hymn 380 v. 3

Old 100th

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

BCP p. 367

Sanctus & Benedictus (S128)

Matthias

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem (S155) Gerald R. Near

Invitation to Communion BCP p. 364

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten free wafers are available.*

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 490** Houston

“I want to walk as a child of the light“

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group and Parent Meeting** ~ Today following the 10:00 AM service. We will discuss Mammoth: times, places, finances, rentals, lessons, and clothing to bring.

**Bible Study resumes** ~ Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside room and via Zoom.

**Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, February 2** (One combined service at 10:00 AM)  
This is the one annual gathering in which the entire congregation is invited to a business meeting that is social, reflective, and interested in the business of the church.

**Elections:** ~ 3 New Vestry members  
~ 3 Diocesan Convention delegates  
~ 3 Alternate Diocesan Convention delegates

All heads of ministries are asked to write annual reports reflecting on the year 2024. Please have all reports into the church office no later than Sunday, January 26!! (This is a hard deadline!)

**New Vestry Members Needed** ~ Vestry members serve three-year terms, with members rotating off and on every year. It is a remarkable privilege to serve on the leadership team for our church. If you are at least 16 years of age and you or your family are pledging members of Grace Church, please consider serving. Please see Rev. Susan if you are interested.

**Serving today:**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Donte Apperwhite  
Lectors ..... Micah Palpant, Miles Bresee, Lucie Pelleriti  
Acolytes ..... Amelie Palpant, McKenna Parra, Evie Palpant  
GEC Stream Team ..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
Altar Guild ..... Janese Grady, Debbie Pullen, Dawn Mellon,  
Patricia Meyer, Cathy St. Onge, Emmy Wang  
Flower Guild ..... Nancy Rice, Liz Sandona  
Vestry Person of the Week ..... Volunteer

**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Thomas Miller, Grace Boyd,  
Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Gloria Duncan, Victoria  
Lemos, Marcia, Joe, Peggy Wallace, Autumn, Laverne Tradel,  
Sam Luna, Sharilyn Vargas, Jessica Moran, Chris Geiss,  
Neil & Michelle, Nellie Deom, Doug Jones, Gwen

**For strength & guidance:** Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna,  
Corrine Miller, Steve & Debra Clune, Gayle, Sabrina, Kevin, those  
affected by the fires

**For safety and protection:** Fire fighters and first responders,  
Harrison Klinski (LA City Fire)

**For those serving in the military:** Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,  
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army,  
Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy,  
Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

3 – Raylene Harich      6 – Nathaniel Olmos      19 – Leslie Stone  
4 – Pamela Bryant      7 – Debbie Pullen      22 – Todd Rice  
5 – Bryan McKenzie      15 – Jade Petteruto      29 – Garrett Patterson  
5 – Clint Stone      16 – Helen Crisp      31 – Richard Young

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARY**

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**JANUARY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton ~ January 14, 1995