

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev. James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete ~ Choirmaster
Pavel Petrov ~ Organist

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 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ~



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

Prelude Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 388 Hanover

“O worship the King”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S278 William Mathias

“Gloria”

Collect of the Day

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Jade Petteruto

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry

and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli aemulari* Anglican Chant

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because
they seek refuge in him.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 _____ Donte Apperwhite

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 593 _____ Dickinson College

“Lord, make us servants of your peace ”

The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People ~ Form III

Miles Bresee

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; praying especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for John, our bishop, and for Susan and Jim, our priests.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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	Pavel Petrov
Hymn 380 v. 3	Old 100th
"Praise God, from whom all blessing flow"	
Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP p. 361
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.

Communion Hymn 304 *Land of Rest*

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 657 *Hyfrydol*

“Love divine, all loves excelling“

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Pavel Petrov*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adopt-a-Lunch - Today in Baxter Hall after the 10 AM service.

Calendar Meeting - Today after the 10 AM service in the choir room. Ministry heads and anyone interested are invited. We will be scheduling events for 2025.



*~ Peggy Wallace Memorial ~
Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 PM*

Please join us for the celebration of life
for our beloved Peggy Wallace.

There will be a reception after the
service in Baxter Hall. All are welcome.

Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior Warden
Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,
Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto,
Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

Serving today:

Celebrant.....The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Patricia Meyer
Lectors Jade Petteruto, Donte Apperwhite, Miles Bresee
Acolytes Oliver Wainwright, McKenna Parra, Ethan Seielstad
Organist Pavel Petrov
GEC Stream Team Mizuki Williamson, Karen Williamson
Flower GuildHannah Palpant, Amelie Palpant
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Cathy St. Onge, Debbie Pullen
Hymn Board Manager Trevor Barcelo
Vestry Person of the Week Jade Petteruto



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Grace Boyd, Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna, Jessica Moran, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Penelope Burger

For strength & guidance: Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna, Steve & Debra Clune, those affected by the fires

For those who have died: Sharilyn Vargas, Tom Schneider, Peggy Wallace

For those in mourning: Penny Karlberg, Kevin Wallace

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

FEBRUARY - MARCH BIRTHDAYS

23 - Teresa Wainwright	9 – John Boyd	19 - Joe Goetz
25 – Cassy Shields	16 – Debbi England	22 - Rosann Kindt
26 – Aaron Aldrete	18 – Mitchell Patterson	25 – The Rev. Susan Scranton
8 – Marylen Hart	18 – Morgan Patterson	26 – Jacqueline Stong
	19 – Matthew Boyd	