

# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

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 Baptism of Our Lord ~



**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**

“Gloria”

Rutter

### **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 42:1-9**

*Micah Palpant*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

- 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 10:34-43**

Muzuki Williamson

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not

to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 120**

*Solemnis hanc festivitatem*

“The sinless one to Jordan came ”

Vv. 1-3 (before the gospel)

Vv. 4-6 (after the gospel)

**The Gospel: Luke 3:13-17**

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Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom 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

R. Vaughn Williams

“At the Name of Jesus”

Grace Parish Choir

Hymn 380 v. 3

Old 100th

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)	BCP p. 367
<u>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus (S128)</u>	<u>Matthias</u>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
<u>Fraction Anthem (S155)</u>	<u>Gerald R. Near</u>
Invitation to Communion	BCP p. 364
<i>(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.</i>	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
<b><u>Recessional Hymn 490</u></b>	<u>Houston</u>
"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.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group** ~ Sunday, January 11 following the 10:00 AM service.

**Hospitality Fellowship** - Sunday, January 18. Come enjoy soup and cornbread after the 10 AM service.

**Calendaring Meeting** - Sunday, January 18 in the choir room after hospitality.

**Holy Chow** - Monday, January 19 at 6:00 pm at "The Boat". Join us at Clearman's Galley, 7215 Rosemead Blvd in San Gabriel.

**Bible Study resumes** ~ Wednesday, January 21 at 10:00 AM.

**Annual Meeting** ~ Sunday, February 1 ~ One combined service at 10:00 AM. This is an annual gathering with the entire congregation.

**Elections:** 3 New Vestry members, 3 Diocesan Convention delegates, 3 Alternate Diocesan Convention delegates.

**Annual Reports** - All heads of ministries, please write annual reports reflecting on 2025. Please have reports submitted no later than Sunday, January 25!! (This is a hard deadline!)

**New Vestry Members Sought** ~ If you are interested in running for the vestry, please contact Rev. Susan.

### **Serving today:**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Frank Boyd  
Lectors ..... Micah Palpant, Mizuki Williamson, David Aldrete  
Acolytes ..... Amelie Palpant, McKenna Parra, Evie Palpant  
Choirmaster ..... David Aldrete  
Pianist ..... Susan Scranton  
GEC Stream Team ..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
Altar Guild ..... Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,  
Cathy St. Onge, Debbie Pullen  
Flower Guild ..... Donte Apperwhite, Rosann Kindt,  
Nancy Rice, Todd Rice  
Hymnboard Manager ..... Trevor Barcelo  
Vestry Person of the Week ..... Heather Moore

### **Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay,  
Manette Thomas, Ken Mayle, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Rosalie Lack,  
Sharon W., Anita Baker, Amanda Van Derbur, Chad Camou, Pauline  
Wells, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd, Dick Honaker, David, Derek Anderson,  
Marie Gillies, Erin Carter, Chris Geiss, Frank Ortega, Pam Bryant, Jessica  
Barcera, Freddie Montague, Judy Webster

**For strength & guidance:** Jennifer & Justin, Brock, The Hernandez Family

**For those who died:** Lawrence Everett, Jan Carter

**For those in morning:** The Hafer Family, The Carter Family

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

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARY**

Ikuko and John Williamson – 6

### **JANUARY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

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