

# Grace Episcopal Church

555 E. Mountain View Ave., Glendora, CA 91741

626-335-3171; [Grace@GraceGlendora.org](mailto:Grace@GraceGlendora.org)

[www.GraceGlendora.org](http://www.GraceGlendora.org)



## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 1, 2026

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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**Processional Hymn 616**

*Es flog ein fleins Waldvogelein*

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

**Gloria**

“Gloria”

Rutter

### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8**

Lucie Pelleriti

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,

with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 15** Domine, quis habitabit? Lucie Pelleriti

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \* shall never be overthrown.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31** Jared Anders

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and

Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 605**

*Sharpthorne*

"What does the Lord require"

**The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant: 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 - Annual Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_ Jade Petteruto

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus our Lord. In joy and confidence, let us bring our petitions to the Lord's altar, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

You have sent us, O God, into the world to tell the story of your love and faithfulness. Give us a holy zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel in this place and in all the world.

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

You have called, O God, persons with varieties of gifts to serve your church. We offer thanksgiving for the work of our vestry and gratitude to Frank, Janet, and Jade who have faithfully served for the past three years, and for Jade's continuing work for an extra year.

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

You have called together, O Lord, this community at Grace Church to be your people, to work together for the common good. We thank you for empowering us to love you and our neighbor, gathering around those closest to us and those far away. May we continue to love in prayer and action most especially in our hurting world.

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

As we continue our journey together, we ask your blessing on the many ministries of Grace Episcopal Church, that our work may enrich our common life and offer us a glimpse of the life to come.

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

You gave life, O God, for us and for all people. We remember before you those who are ill or in any kind of need, and we pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer List. Are there others? As you have reached out to us in love, so inspire us to be present to those we have named before you.

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Today we especially remember Peggy Wallace, Marylen Hart, Gail Haynes, and Sherry McKeithen.

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

Celebrant:

God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us, and grant us confidence to know that as you have begun a good work in us, you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

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

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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

Dale Wood

“Arise, my soul, arise!”

Grace Parish Choir

**Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3**

Old 100th

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

BCP p. 367

Sanctus & Benedictus

Rutter

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.)*

**Communion Hymn 335**

*I Am the Bread of Life*

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 390**

*Lobe den Herren*

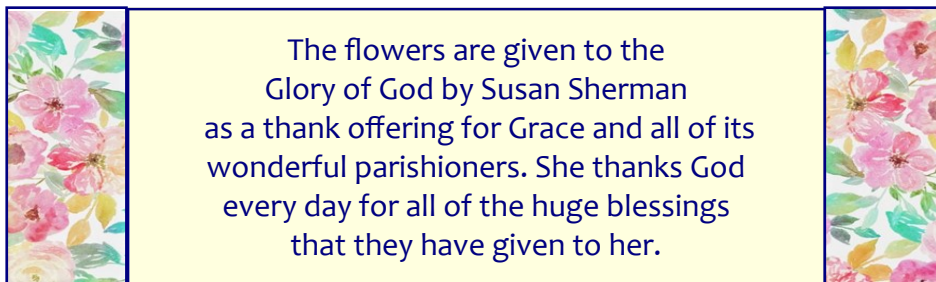
"Praise to the Lord"

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Annual Meeting** - Our annual meeting and pot luck is today! Please come and enjoy various dishes for lunch, enjoy the slideshow with memories of 2025 and learn about our upcoming year. We will also elect 3 New Vestry members, 3 Diocesan Convention delegates, 3 Alternate Diocesan Convention delegates.

**Evening Book Study** - Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room.

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner** - Tuesday, February 17 at 5-30-7:00 PM. Come enjoy All You Can Eat Pancake supper with pancakes, baked French Toast, Quiches, Bacon, Sausage, Milk, Orange Juice and Coffee! Enjoy "Fat Tuesday" and feast before our journey through Lent. Tickets are \$10.00-Adults ~ \$5 Children under 12

\$30.00 Max per family.

- All proceeds go to Boy Scout Troop 486-

**Serving today:**

**Celebrant**..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** ..... Miles Bresee  
**Lectors** ..... Lucie Pelleriti, Jared Anders, Jade Petteruto  
**Acolyte** ..... Amelie Palpant, Evie Palpant, Elizabeth Anders  
**Choirmaster** ..... David Aldrete  
**Organist** ..... Pavel Petrov  
**GEC Stream Team**..... Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad  
**Flower Guild** ..... Kim Boyd, Nancy Rice  
**Altar Guild** ..... Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen,  
Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge  
**Hymnboard Manager** ..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Ushers** ..... Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Derbur  
**Vestry Person of the Week** ..... Linda Rice



**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Ken Mayle, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Rosalie Lack, Sharon W., Anita Baker, 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, Linda Rice, Marykay Edwards, Vicki Barclay, Corina Wiemer, Gary Kindt, Margo Keller, Jayam Rutnam

**For strength & guidance:** The Hernandez 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 ~ USMC

**February Birthdays**

2 – Jacob Boyd	5 – Douglas Jones	23 - Teresa Wainwright
4 - Ron Anders	14 – Alex McKenzie	25 – Cassy Shields
4 - Samantha Gomez	14 - Karen Huss	26 – Aaron Aldrete
	19 – Margo Keller	