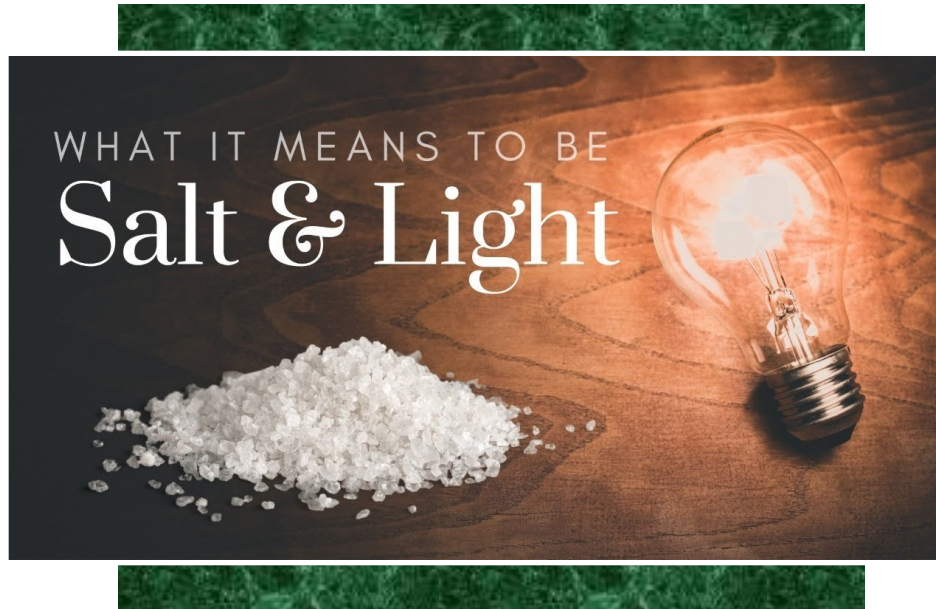


# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 8, 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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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

**Processional Hymn 381**

*Ton-y-Botel*

“Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

## **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Gloria (Pew Card)

Rutter

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a**

*Karen Huss*

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 112:1-9** *Beatus vir* Anglican Chant

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Bobbi Patterson

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 488**      “Be thou my vision”      *Slane*

**The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**      The Rev. James Seipel

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. James Seipel

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People - Form VI (BCP 392)** Janet Kawamoto

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for John our Bishop, for Susan and Jim our priests; and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

**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**

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**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 falls; 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 Joseph M. Martin

“A New Psalm of Celebration”

Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3 Old 100th

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card) 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 505**

*O heiliger Geist*

“O Spirit of Life”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 437**

*Birmingham*

“Tell out my soul, the greatest of the Lord!”

The Dismissal

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hospitality Sunday** - February 15 after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall as we celebrate Logan Garrison's baptism.

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner** - Tuesday, February 17 at 5-30-7:30 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 -

**Ash Wednesday** - Services are February 18 at 12 Noon (in the chapel) and 7:30 PM (in the church) with music.

**Youth Group Meeting** - February 22 after the 10 AM service.

**Adopt-a-Lunch** - February 22 after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall.



**Holy Chow** - Come join us for dinner and fellowship meeting on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 at “The Boat” located at Clearman's Galley, 7215 Rosemead Blvd in San Gabriel.

**Vestry Meeting** - Wednesday, February 25 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

### Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. James Seipel  
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Donte Apperwhite  
Lectors ..... Karen Huss, Bobbi Patterson, Janet Kawamoto  
Acolytes ..... Stacey Aldrete, Morgan Aldrete, David Moore  
Choirmaster ..... David Aldrete  
Organist ..... Pavel Petrov  
GEC Stream Team ..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
Flower Guild ..... Liz Sandona, Susie Seielstad  
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 ..... Kathi Ferris

### Prayer List

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy,  
Lindsay, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Rosalie Lack, Sharon W.,  
Anita Baker, Pauline Wells, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd,  
Dick Honaker, David, Derek Anderson, Marie Gillies, Erin Carter,  
Frank Ortega, Pam Bryant, Jessica Barquera, Freddie Montague,  
Judy Webster, Linda Rice, Marykay Edwards, Vicki Barclay,  
Corina Wiemer, Gary Kindt, Margo Keller, Jayam Rutnam

**For strength & guidance:** The Hernandez Family, Mireya Rivera &  
Family

**For those who have died:** Suzy Hageman

**For those in mourning:** Frank Hageman & 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	8 - Evan Zapata	19 – Margo Keller
4 - Ron Anders	14 – Alex McKenzie	23 - Teresa Wainwright
4 - Samantha Gomez	14 - Karen Huss	25 – Cassy Shields
5 – Douglas Jones	15 – Justin Kawamoto	26 – Aaron Aldrete