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## The Second Sunday after Epiphany January 18, 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 Second Sunday after Epiphany



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

**Processional Hymn 7**

*Ratisbon*

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

## **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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**Gloria**

“Gloria”

Rutter

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Laurel McKenzie

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.”

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength -- he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 40:1-12** *Expectans, expectavi* Laurel McKenzie

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Amelie Palpant

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 443**

*Salem Harbor*

“From God Christ’s deity came forth”

**The Gospel: John 1:29-42**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to

them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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 - Form VI (BCP: 392)**

Stacey Aldrete

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 Sean 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.

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 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

Gerald Near

“Christ Hath a Garden”

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

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem (S155)

Gerald R. Near

Invitation to Communion

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*(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 of the Bread of Life*

“I am the bread of life”

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 535**

*Paderborn*

“Ye servants of God”

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hospitality ~ Coffee Hour** - The Hospitality Ministry will be hosting everyone today after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall. Please come and enjoy fellowship with our parishioners. The ministry has prepared various soups and corn bread.

**Youth Group Bake Sale** - Today after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall. They are raising money for their upcoming trip to Mammoth.

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

**Holy Chow** - Monday, January 19 at 6:30 pm at “The Boat”. Join us at Clearman’s Galley, 7215 Rosemead Blvd in San Gabriel.

**Vestry Meeting** - Wednesday, January 21 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

**Adopt-a-Lunch** - January 25. Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to donate a food item for the lunches we make for Union Station in Pasadena.

**Annual Meeting** - Our annual meeting and pot luck will be after the 10 AM church service on February 1. Please bring a dish to share with everyone!

**Elections:** 3 New Vestry members, 3 Diocesan 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!)

**Serving today:**

**Celebrant**..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** ..... Bobbi Patterson  
**Lectors** ..... Laurel McKenzie, Amelie Palpant, David Aldrete  
**Acolyte** ..... Karen Williamson, April Moore, Morgan Aldrete  
**Choirmaster** ..... David Aldrete  
**Organist** ..... Pavel Petrov  
**GEC Stream Team** ..... Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad  
**Hymnboard Manager** ..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Altar Guild** ..... Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen,  
Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge  
**Hospitality**.....Hospitality Ministry  
**Vestry Person of the Week**..... Hannah Palpant

**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, Linda Rice, Marykay Edwards, Vicki Barclay

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

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

**For those in mourning:** 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 ~ USMC

**January Birthdays**

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

**January Wedding Anniversaries**

Ikuko and John Williamson – 6

**Priesthood Ordination Anniversary**

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton as Rector of Grace ~ Jan. 14, 1995