

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
Joyfully Proclaiming in Word and Action
the Hope that is Within Us

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022
Epiphany



Celebrating Holy Communion at 10 am

Announcements

Voluntary Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful (v: 3, 4, 5a) #118

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Grace

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one
Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and
with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as
thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and
the Prophets.

**People Lord, have mercy upon us and write all these thy laws in
ours hearts, we beseech thee.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Gloria

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Epistle

Marion Bailey

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. ISAIAH 60:1-6

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, judicium*

GIVE the king thy judgements, O God and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
Then shall he judge thy people according unto right and thy poor with justice.
The mountains also shall bring peace and the little hills righteousness
unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right, save the children of the poor
and punish the wrong doer.

HE shall live as long as the sun and while the moon endureth,
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass,
even as the showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish; yea and abundance of peace,
so long as the moon endureth.

Let the kings of Tarshish and of the isles give presents and the kings of Arabia
and Seba bring gifts.

Let all kings fall down before him and all nations do him service.

FOR he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; the needy also
and him that hath no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and the needy and shall
preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong;
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Epistle

Reader: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. EPHESIANS 3:1-12

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Stand for the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. '" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. MATTHEW 2:1-12

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light;
Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made;
Being of one substance with the Father;
Through whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according
to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and
Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

Homily

Rev. Paul

The Offertory

As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6. 10)

Setting of the table

Celebrant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee.

The Intercession

Celebrant Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.
Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks, for all men:

We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord:

And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons and specially to thy servant Todd our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments:

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

We especially pray today for: Grace; Michael; Bella; Pat; Jo; Bob; Marnie; Roy; Marguerite; Bud; Ruth; Elizabeth; Mary Lee; Donna & Family.

We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week: Janice Luksic; Laura Mac Donald; Craig, Caitlyn, Charlotte & Clarke McCann; Jamie & Ruth Mahon; Ron Maloney; Brooks & Melissa Manfini; Patricia Margetts.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbours and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Confession

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: "Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden and I will refresh you."
(St. Matt. 11:28)

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life." (St. John 3:16)

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: "This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15)

Hear also what Saint John saith: "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins."
(1 St. John 2:1-2)

Thanksgiving and Consecration

Celebrant The Lord be with you;

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts;

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation and have
shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.
Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in
joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God,
our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine
only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer
death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by
his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and
sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the
whole world; and did institute and in his holy Gospel command
us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious
death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
In remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his
most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was
betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it
and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."
Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
"Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."
Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble
servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious
death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension and looking for his coming again in glory, do make
before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life
and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath
commanded:

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly
beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy
Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his blood, we and all thy
whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other
benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People And with thy spirit.

**All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
And our souls washed through his most precious blood,
And that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

The Communion

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Amen.

Communion Hymn

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness #385
(v: 1, 2 & 3)

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the king-
dom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	#101
	(v: 1, 3 & 4)	

Voluntary	This Day so Full of Joy	BuxWV 139 Dietrich Buxtehude
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*If you would like to place flowers or light the candle, in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one, please contact Sheila Eisler at 519.304.1110, or email her at sheila.eisler@gmail.com.
Alternately, if you would like to make a donation to the Window Restoration project in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please email admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca*

PREPARING FOR JANUARY 9TH—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-27

Announcements

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6th, 2022.
Reports are due to the office by January 4th, 2022.

BUDGET UPDATE

Thank you for your ongoing donations and support. As of the end of October, our offerings were short \$7,500. Please keep this in your prayers as we hope to make up this deficit by the end of the year. We all must live within a budget, including the church. As you go through your budget for next year, please consider making a pledge to your home church. Completing a pre-authorized giving form or making a private pledge to the wardens helps us plan.

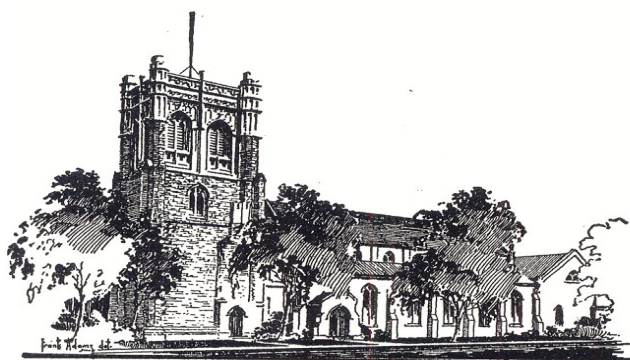
RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A Grace Church parishioner has a family member who is looking for rental accommodation at the end of January. If you know of anyone who may have a room for rent, please call Christine Crossley at 519.752.9640.

THE DAILY BREAD PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our daily bread program needs some help on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the mornings to pick up donations from the food bank warehouse for re-distribution at Grace. Heavy lifting is involved and a van or truck is required. Contact Maureen Brook (mjbrook11@gmail.com) for more info.

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We are a fully accessible, child friendly community.*



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