



1st Sunday After the

# EPIPHANY

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you  
to join our family!*

January 12, 2025

## We Gather for Worship

**Opening Hymn: #450**      *All hail the power of Jesus name*      *Please stand & sing as you are able.*

**Opening Sentence** *BCP Page 78*

*Officiant:* I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

**Confession** *BCP Page 79*      *Please sit or kneel.*

*Officiant:* Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Invitatory** *BCP Page 80*      *Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

**Epiphany Antiphon** *BCP Page 80*

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7** *BCP Page 82*

*Officiant:* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*People:* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant:* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*People:* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is a great God, \*

*People:* **and a great King above all gods.**

*Officiant:* In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*People:* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant:* The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*People:* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

*Officiant:* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

*People:* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

*People:* **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Epiphany Antiphon** *BCP Page 80*

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- All:*
- 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. ||**

*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
*People:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### We Hear God's Word

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 13: A Song of Praise: Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34** (BCP Page 90) *In Unison*

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17**

*Reader:* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: #488**

***Be thou my vision***  
***(v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)***

*Please stand and sing.*

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily:** Lance Scott

*Please be seated.*

## Apostles' Creed

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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.**

**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. Amen.**

## We Pray

### Lord's Prayer

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Suffrages: Set B

BCP Page 98 *Please be seated*

*Officiant:* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People:* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant:* Day by day we bless you;

*People:* **We praise your Name for ever.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*People:* **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant:* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*People:* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant:* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*People:* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray. 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.**

### Collect for Sundays

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*Officiant:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for the Parish and Search Process

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*Officiant:* Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, especially as we go through our search process. Guide us to the priest that you want us to have; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Collect for Mission

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*Officiant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. Mark's, Perry; Diocese of Long Island; Diocese of New Jersey; The Church of the Province of West Africa.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* We pray for...

*People:* **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Donald, our President-elect; Kamala, our Vice-president; JD, our Vice-President-elect; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Ronnie, Mike, John, Stuart, Nancy, Catheryne, Jennifer, Paula, Ched, Phillip, Roger, Patricia, Leslie, Anna, Pam, Jonathan, D.G., Lester, Mark, Falling family, Joe, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, (*especially...*)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

*People:* **Betty, Tom, and Jean.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

**Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers**

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*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

**For a Birthday**

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*Officiant:* Let us pray. Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: #508**

***Breathe on me, breath of God***

*Remain seated.*

**We Go Out To Do Our Work**

**General Thanksgiving**

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*All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

**Sending**

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*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

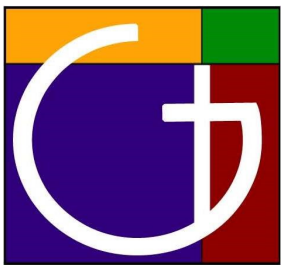
*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

**Closing Hymn: #510**

***Come holy Spirit, heavenly dove***

*Please stand and sing.*



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