



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

*As we prepare ourselves for worship,
please sit or kneel in quietness
while the prelude is offered.*

Silent Meditation

If God would ask us to pray for the Ninevites in our own lives--the persons who have hurt us, lied about us, and made us miserable, or the groups of people we find it hard to look upon kindly--if God would ask us to pray for them, give to their needs, or extend an arm of mercy and embrace to them, how would we respond?

Would we, like Jonah, choose rather to flee to the farthest reaches of Tarshish?

--J. Ellsworth Kalas

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

- * Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
- * Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
- * Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*
- * Lynn Giles, *Lector*
- * Richard Luther, *Intercessor*

- * Robin French, *Music Director*
- * Nancy Cook, *Erben Organ*
- * Elizabeth Ludescher, *Vestry Coordinator*
- * Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Faber/Hampton

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: "Arise, shine; for your light has come. Lift up your eyes for the grace of God is near us.

People: Holy One, we open our eyes; We lift our voices to you.

Presider: "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Open your hearts, for the Prince of Peace is near us.

People: Holy One, we open our hearts; We lift our voices to you.

Presider: "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Rejoice; the righteousness and mercy of God dwell with us.

People: Holy One, we rejoice. We lift our voices to you.

THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated for the reading.

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 62:6-14

(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)

Nonne Deo?

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.**

Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.**

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

We affirm our faith

THE CREED

(Please stand as able.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son] who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

We offer prayers

Deacon: In Jesus you have announced the fulfillment of your time, O God: Give us courage to answer readily the call to follow you, letting nothing in us interfere with the good news of your kingdom, as we offer our prayers and intercessions, saying:
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.

Intercessor: God alone is our rock and our salvation: Uphold your church in your strength, Almighty One, and grant us faithfulness to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all the world.
The time is fulfilled,

People: and the kingdom of God has come near.

Lector: God is our safety and our honor: Put divine trust into the hearts of the leaders of our nation and into the hearts of all in authority, Eternal One, that they may cooperate with your work to build communities of peace throughout the world. The time is fulfilled,

People: and the kingdom of God has come near.

Intercessor: Steadfast love is yours, O Gracious One: Look upon the great cities and lonely villages in your creation, and turn us from our wicked ways, that all who suffer may be relieved, and all who work may find satisfaction. The time is fulfilled,

People: and the kingdom of God has come near.

Lector: God is our strong rock and our refuge: Be present in our community, O Loving One, that the life of your new world may be manifest in this place. The time is fulfilled,

People: and the kingdom of God has come near.

Intercessor: Give your steadfast love to those for whom we pray in intercession, especially....Others? _____. The time is fulfilled,

People: and the kingdom of God has come near.

Lector: Hear our grateful hearts as we thank you for the blessings of your kingdom, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the Birthdays of *Iver (Johnstad), *Jim (Cook), *Pat (Terry), *Ann (Berry) and *Chuck (Barker); the Anniversary of *Pete and *Charlotte (Stryker); our Outreach partners: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? _____.

Bring into your fuller presence those who have died, that they may find life within your reign forevermore especially:

Elaine (Harwick), Clara (Symons), Rev. William (Steele), Jennie (Chapin), Helen (Griggs), Frank (Eversoll), John (Dains) and Susan (Christie). Others ____? The time is fulfilled,

People: and the kingdom of God has come near.

Deacon: Gracious and Loving God, put the urgency of your in-breaking kingdom into our hearts, that we may swiftly follow you to do our part in your work of reconciliation, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand or kneel.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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.

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

People: *Amen.*

We share the Peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We share the ministries of the Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;
bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding
abide all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

For those who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.

PRESENTATION HYMN *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* *Indian Folk Melody/N. Johnson*
As the hymn is played, and the altar is prepared for Communion, you may reflect on these words:

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!

This is a hymn of commitment. As it is sung, think about what it really means to follow Jesus. When someone volunteered to follow Him, Jesus' response was "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58 ESV). This seems almost brutal, but it is true. The author of this hymn was most likely a convert in India facing persecution and possibly death for this commitment.

*There are a variety of different stories about the origin of this hymn. All of them agree that it was written in northeastern India by someone facing persecution for his or her faith who wanted to affirm loyalty to Christ. One of the more dramatic and widespread stories comes from the book *Why God, Why?* by Dr. P. P. Job, in which a Christian missionary first sang this song as he and his family were being murdered for their faith.*

Whatever its origin, this song has been passed down as a folk song. This text is always sung to the melody that was passed down with it – ASSAM, which is named after a region in northeastern India. It is an Indian folk song, probably from the Garo tribe.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(Stand or kneel as able.)

Presider and **People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us
in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above
all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of
the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you
have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this
for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave
it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and
for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to
you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the
Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom
we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country
where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our
Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Presider: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen*

Presider: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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.*

FRACTION

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

For those who do not have the consecrated wafers, you may say this prayer as others receive.

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Services

Presider: Let us pray:

Celebrant and

People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Presider: Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among You, and remain with you always.

People: *Amen.*

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon

Crouch/Schrader

*The flowers today are given by Ann and Jim Berry,
in honor of all January birthdays.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

for January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalm 111

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paula, our Bishop-Elect and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

*Ruth (Beegle), *Bob (Burton), *Bill (Calvert), *Nancy (Cook), Olivia (Coponi), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Keith (Ferguson), *Jennie (Fjelde), Susan (Haerle), *Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), *Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Lisa (Prindle), David (Schaller), Jason (Schaller), Gabriel (Serrano), Melody (Serwich), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Heather (H.), David (J.), Kathie (O.), Bruce (W.), Breckin and Marilyn.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; the Birthdays of *Iver (Johnstad), *Jim (Cook), *Pat (Terry), *Ann (Berry) and *Chuck (Barker); the Anniversary of *Pete and *Charlotte (Stryker); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for those who have died and remember

the anniversary of the deaths of: Elaine (Harwick), Clara (Symons), Rev. William (Steele), Jennie (Chapin), Helen (Griggs), Frank (Eversoll), John (Dains) and Susan (Christie).

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of January 24, 2020

The **2021 Annual Meeting of Grace Church** will be held on Sunday, January 31st.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and broadcast from the Parish Hall shortly after the conclusion of the morning service. We have examined our by-laws and the diocesan canons and have found no impediments to an online meeting. The meeting will begin with a vote on a resolution to approve the procedures for an online meeting.

We will also elect Wardens and Vestry Members. The slate is as follows:

Senior Warden: Lynn Giles

Junior Warden: Richard Luther

Vestry Class of 2024: Crystal Mason, Phil Jackman

Greg Serwich, Tony Packard, and Anita Sands complete their terms respectively as Senior Warden and Vestry Members.

Zoom Poetry Meeting

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive the link to the meeting.

EfM Meeting is Monday, January 25th, at 6:30pm online.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, January 27th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, January 27th, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, January 29th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.



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The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop-Elect of Chicago
The Rev. Gloria G. Hopewell, D. Min., Rector
The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate
The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

Vestry

Greg Serwich	Sr. Warden	Lynn Giles	Jr. Warden
Richard Luther	Treasurer	Diann Marsh	Clerk
Anita Sands (2018-21)	Tony Packard (2018-21)	Charlotte Stryker (2019-22)	
Elizabeth Ludescher (2019-22)	Nancy Cook (2020-23)	Eric Kallback (2020-23)	

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