

The First Sunday  
After Epiphany:  
The Baptism of Christ

Grace Episcopal Church

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*Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones.*



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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V, BCP p. 389

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

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the code on p. 6 of this bulletin.)*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Sanctus

BCP p. 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

## The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover

BCP p. 364

### Invitation to Communion

(The celebrant will bring communion in one kind down the aisle to those who choose to receive. Please stay in your pew. You may cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing.)

Prayer for those who cannot receive the sacrament in person:

*Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come into my heart in the power of your Holy Spirit.  
I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections  
of my soul. Let me never be separated from you.  
May I live and die in your love.*

Music

“Baptized in Water”  
(*Not sung*)

Hymn 294

Post Communion Prayer  
Blessing

BCP, p. 365

Procession

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”  
(*Not sung*)

Hymn 616

## The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*All baptized persons are normally invited to receive communion. Here are words from the Book of Common Prayer which could be adapted to our situation today:*

*If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, [or natural disaster, or pandemic,] is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, 457)*

I will host a group for Bible study on Tuesday, January 12 at 10:00. Call or write for a Zoom link if you would like to join us. (Fr. Joe)

### In-Person Worship at Grace

For some time, it will still be very important for all of us to take care not to expose ourselves or others to infection. We will continue to follow strict protocols at Grace for in person worship. Those who come are asked to wear a mask over their mouth and nose and keep a minimum of 6 feet away from other people. Please enter and leave the church by the red door. Fr. Joe will greet the people outside under the maple tree after the service. We have suspended coffee hour in Faith Hall until further notice, but there is a virtual Zoom coffee hour almost every Sunday. Karyl Beal has been hosting this gathering steadily for months now. The link is given in the Facebook broadcast during the service.

If you plan to attend church in person, please write Susan Austin ([sjanawicz@aol.com](mailto:sjanawicz@aol.com)) by Thursday at noon next week. We want all our members and visitors to be safe, stay well, and to be around when this disease is no longer troubling our land.

**The Facebook Live** broadcast of the 10:00 a.m. service will continue from the Grace Church, Spring Hill's **Facebook group page**, and you can find it later on our church's YouTube account.

**Today our annual meeting will convene after the 10:00 service** in the nave of the church. There will not be a meal at the meeting, and it will be shorter than usual. Please let Susan Austin know if you plan to come so we can plan for seating. We can't hold more than about 24 people and still maintain proper spacing for safety. Our bylaws require that 10% of

our confirmed adult members in good standing be present for us to have a quorum. That makes 6 people. Laurie McNutt and Will Pomeroy have been nominated for mission council. Richard Hawarah and Jessica Farmer have completed their terms. We thank them for their service and hope they will stay close by so we may call on them for help from time to time. The annual meeting will be posted on youtube so our members not present in person can see it later online.

**If you are a visitor**, we are glad to have your with us this Sunday. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below.

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