



Celtic Evensong and Communion

Epiphany I: Beloved of Christ

7 January 2018 5:00 pm

We are so happy you are here.

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

Please remember to silence all devices

Opening Musical Meditation

Oikan Ayns Bethlehem

Manx Carol

Opening Meditation

Leader Beloved, we are called to be your children
People **May we delight is your love.**

Holy One,
untamed
by the names
I give you,
in the silence
name me,
that I may know
who I am,
hear the truth
you have put into me,
trust the love
you have for me,
which you call me to live out
with my sisters and brothers
in your human family.

by Ted Loder

Leader Beloved, we are called to be your children
People **May we delight is your love.**

Opening Hymn

What star is this?

French Tune

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

The Chalking of the Door

Bless, O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to Thy people.

Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the doors of their homes the names of Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

Peace be to this house, and to all who enter in.

O come, let us adore him.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this church with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who enter with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

May almighty God, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer

In the day that has past, you have shown us love, O Christ; you have shown us God. Show us also our true face and the true face of every human being. Show us the desire for love and the strength to give ourselves in love that are woven into the fabric of our being. For we are made in the image of love, O Christ. We are made in the image of God.

Please be seated.

The Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Lector Listen now to the Word of God.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us and for the Word of God within us

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

During the silence, let the reading speak to you

Reflection

Debbie Phillips

Two minutes of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

Star in the East

New Celtic Tune

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Leader Will you continue to do all that you can to protect God's created world?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader Will you continue in communion, through study, prayer and in the breaking of bread?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader Will you continue to resist and fight evil in the world and in yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader Will you continue to live a resurrected life?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader Will you continue a life of service?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader Will you continue to strive for a just peace and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

*You are now invited to come forward for a Baptismal Renewal Blessing.
When asked for your name, you may answer, "Beloved," or any other name of your choosing.*

Prayers

Leader A voice hovers over the waters, whispering "Beloved,"
People **Let me and all creation hearken to the voice of Love.**

Leader A voice beckons me to love my neighbor, whispering "Beloved,"
People **Let me and all creation hearken to the voice of Love.**

Leader A voice heals the brokenness in the world by whispering "Beloved,"
People **Let me and all creation hearken to the voice of Love.**

Leader A voice from the cross raises the image of God, buried within us by whispering, "Beloved."
People **Let me and all creation hearken to the voice of Love.**

Leader Let us now hold before God the Beloved Ones who are in need, sickness, danger or despair.

Leader Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness.

Light Prayers

***From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and
light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers.***

***The laying on of hands is also offered at the healing station
near the door at the back of the Chapel.***

Please feel free to move about as the Spirit leads you.

Music during Prayers

*The Gentle Maiden
Son Ar Skoff*

*Celtic Tune
Celtic Tune*

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

The Grace

God, you draw us into your love through baptism: Teach us to abide in that love and to share that love with all your creation. Amen.

The Peace The peace of our Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts
People **We lift them to the Lord**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are known today by the poor and outcast. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life.

So with the angels who sing “Glory” and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

Sanctus

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

Celebrant We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit’s love and a woman’s body and blood. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth’s darkest places.

We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

People **“Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

Celebrant After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying:

People **“This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus., As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Communion

All are invited to come and feast at God's table.

You may receive the bread in your hand, and if you wish, drink from the cup.

Concluding Prayer

All **Jesus, you revealed yourself to the world so that all people might look to you and be saved: May we, who have received you as you are revealed in the breaking of bread, know the wholeness you bring. Be our light in the darkness that we may not stumble, and lift us up again if we fall; and may we bring this light into the world. Amen.**

The concluding hymn begins on the following page

Concluding Hymn

Epiphany Song

New Celtic Tune



1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry Of a
 2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es Of his
 3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
 4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er In the



star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
 birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
 flesh sent from a - bove. In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
 bright - ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



sto - ry We are bathed in ra - dant light.
 a - ges; He is Christ, our God's de - light.
 broth - er, In the lone - ly and un - loved.
 ev - er; Help us walk the ho - ly way.



Star sent forth from high - est heav - en, Danc - ing
 He pro - claims with - in his be - ing All our
 May we touch him, may we hold him, May we
 May your jus - tice rule the na - tions; May all



light of God's de - sign, Shine up - on the gift that's
 hopes, our great de - sires. He shall die to rise, re -
 cra - dle him with care As we learn to love each
 peo - ple live as one. Now we see our true sal -



giv - en: Word made flesh now born in time.
 deem - ing All who fol - low with their lives.
 oth - er, Bring - ing hope from out de - spair.
 va - tion In the glo - ry of your Son.

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, b.1927, © 1978, Lutheran Book of Worship

Concluding Blessing

May the Holy One come this night and open our hearts to the brightness of Love. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all evermore. Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant

God's bright glory will shine,

All

and everyone shall see it.

Concluding Meditation

Baptism

Celtic Tune

*May God's blessings be upon you and all whom you love.
 Please leave quietly.*

Participants

Celebrant	The Reverend Debbie Phillips
Musicians	Debbie Phillips and Eric Wagner
Opening and Lesson	Joanne Moar
Meditation	Debbie Phillips
Prayers	Paige Nalipinski
Chalice	Paige Nalipinski
Assisting at the Healing Station	Jane Stewart
Greeter	Jane Stewart

Visitor Information

Welcome to those of you here for the first time. Please feel free to move about the space during the service, lighting candles or receiving the laying on of hands.

All are welcome by God to the heavenly banquet. The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

Please join in the singing! The songs are printed either in the leaflet or in our Celtic Hymnal.

We are a self-supporting congregation, so when you pass the plate at the back of the chapel, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

When coming to communion, please note that the bread is **gluten free**.

We ask that you sign the guestbook at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our web address is www.gracechurchsaalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes can also be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

We hope you find the service meaningful and the community's hospitality inviting.

Thank you for praying with us today.

Our Prayers are offered for

The Hawlena Family, Cindy Rhodes, Ronald Birchmore, Edna Ashton, Eugene and Gerry Lockard, Joanne Moar and her father, Diane Rowand Burns, Rick Marks, Helen Harris, Fred and Ingrid Fox, Jim Kilroy, Grace I., Lange Family, Felton May, Debbie Marchand, Cameron Wicker, Tom Lemons, Kathleen Tone, Rufus and Florine Felder, Christopher Patzke, Amanda Lily, Kim Shaw, Leo Murphy, P. Dennis Family, Denise Fox and Family, Sara and Dann, Pettus Hickman, Bryon English, Ruby and Al Hill, Ayo Ogunbor, Jane and David Knight, Alexandra D., Gerry and Barbara Porter, Kathy Crotty, Giffy Russell, G. Oliver Papps, David Latinik, Helen Rice; Sr. Jane SFN, The Madden Family, David, Joe L'Heureux, George and Sue Erickson, Pauline Grady, Tom, Pauline Zwicker, Vivien Forbes, Suzanne MacNeil, Karen Tucker, Sally Coleman, Don, Jeanne Parler, Frank, Jeff Bowie, Elisabeth Thomas, Cindy Carr, Ross Dolloff, Fran Nalipinski, The Tache Family, Blair and family, Jeff and family, John Mason, Susan Warren, Camilo Notario, Jr., Esmunda Notario, Tom D., Stephen Duff, Rick Rizoli, Ashley Galvin, Mary K., the Castiello Children, Linda and Patrick Grant, Glenn Murer, Carpenter Family, Patricia McDuffe, Beatrice Jideofor, Rachel Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Prout, Albert Engelken, Harry Davis, The ADAPT protesters, Kori Rodriguez, Mary Manning, Pat Carr, Love, Nate, Phoebe and family, Andrew Rossi, Joanna Morse, Virginia Steadman, Lisa J., Nancy Moore, Sarah Fialho, Patrick O'Donoghue, Kathleen Hoff, Nancy Pearce, Pezzulo Family, the Pelletiere Family, K. Joyce and Family, Joanne Ryan-Walsh, Anne Busteded, Jane Stewart, Sabina Wu, Angela Carter, Rebekah Clark, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, for the City of Salem, the Salem Public Schools, especially the Nathaniel Bowditch School, and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Next Sunday

Young and Restless Chapel will meet in the Children's Chapel at 9:00 am. They will sing about the star that rose in the East and the three kings who traveled from afar to honor Jesus. They too will follow a star to the place where Jesus lays. The service will conclude with Holy Communion. All infants, toddlers, parents, grandparents, and anyone who considers themselves young and/or restless is encouraged to come to this service.

Special Services to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. will also be held next Sunday. At 10:30 am, our "prelude" will be the "I Have a Dream" speech, the epistle will come from "A Letter from a Birmingham Jail," and we will sing hymns from the African American Tradition. The anthem will be "Keep Your Lamps, Trimmed and Burning," encouraging us to continue our Jesus work of justice and peace. We will also celebrate the baptism of Lucy McArdle.

At 5:00 pm, the Celtic service will offer prayers and music of justice and peace from Iona and other resources from the Celtic tradition.

A Celebration of the Life of Marc Hawlena

On Saturday 20 January at 11:00 am, we will have a service of Holy Communion to celebrate the life of Marc Hawlena. Marc was a dear friend to many at Grace Church. He was devoted to us and to this parish, serving the community in so many important ways. He was a faithful steward as our Treasurer for over 20 years and loved charring the May Breakfast each year. But more importantly, he showed his loved of God by loving us. May Marc rest in peace and rise in glory.

Annual Meeting on January 28

WARRANT FOR PARISH MEETING

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
GRACE CHURCH IN SALEM will be called to order on
Sunday, 28 January 2018 at 11:45 am for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Annual Report of 2017 of the Parish.
2. To present a budget for 2018.
3. To elect the following officers of the Parish:
 - Two Wardens (1 year)
 - Two Vestry persons (3 years)
 - Treasurer (1 year)
 - Clerk (1 year)
 - 5 Delegates to North Shore Deanery (1 year)

Everyone is invited to the meeting. Only members will be allowed to vote.

A member is anyone who regularly attends Sunday worship, financially supports the parish through a pledge and participates in the life of the community. Everyone present, however, is welcome to participate in the discussion.

The mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.

Please join us in our mission.

Reflections during Celtic Service

There is a signup sheet at the door near the healing station for those of you who would like to offer a reflection at one of our upcoming services. We would love to hear about an encounter you have had with the divine or some question you are pursuing on your journey.

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