



**CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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*Our Mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality*

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.*

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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 7, 2018**

*We welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the front entrance to the church. A Sunday school for children ages 2-10 meets downstairs during the 10:30 service. Children will return to church at the offering.*

**8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II** **BCP p. 355**  
**10:00 AM HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION**

**Prelude:** Variations on *Shall we gather at the river* American

**Entrance Hymn 296** *We know that Christ* Engelberg

**Opening Acclamation** *standing* Book of Common Prayer p. 299

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5** *sitting* *See scripture insert*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 29**

**Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 295** *Sing praise to our creator* Christus, der ist mein Leben

**Gospel** *Standing*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**Mark 1:4-11**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *following, a moment of silence is observed* Bill Queen

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE** (p. 301)

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents* I present Muriel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents and Godparents* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents and Godparents* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents and Godparents* I do.

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** *Standing* (p. 304)

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

(p. 305)

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

(p. 306)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE BAPTISM**

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*Muriel*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Muriel*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Greeting, and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem:** *At the river*

American, arr. Aaron Copland

**At the Presentation Hymn 115** *What child is this?* (vs. 3)

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;*

*The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.*

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;*

*haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B** *standing*

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*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

**Hymn S-125** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Proulx

**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.**

*standing or kneeling*

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (p. 364)

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Hymn S-154 Alleluia**

New Plainsong

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

**Communion Hymn 120** *The sinless one to Jordan came*

*(The congregation is invited to sing)*

**Kneeling Hymn 121** *Christ when for us you were baptized*

Caithness

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing or kneeling*

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Let us pray.

**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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place* (see insert)

### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** Variations on *Sweet Sweet Spirit*

The sacrament of Healing Prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered at the altar rail after each service today.

**The flowers at the altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. T. Morriss V by his family. The flowers at the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in memory of Clyde W. Vick, Jr., with love from his family.

**We remember today in our parish cycle of prayer:** Amanda, Willoughby, & Meredith Lupold and Jack & Donni Lynn.

**We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit:**

**Church Members:** Polly Davies, Horace Higgins, Barbara Ragsdale, and Daphne Spurlock. **Relatives and Friends:** Elise Bethell, Shannon Farthing, Selena McColley, Tommy Parson, Mark Richards, Edward Roberts, Dana Watkins Spiers, and Renee Williamson.

**Prayer for Christ & Grace's Rector Search:**

**Dear Lord, Surround us with your abundant love. Unite us as a parish during our journey together and encourage every voice to be heard at this time of transition. Grant us patience and wisdom to discern your will for our church. Strengthen our hearts and minds in our search for our new rector. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Lay Readers: 8:00 Nancy Holden, Claire Brill

10:00 Jonathan Shockley, Sean Little, Samantha Ellis, Claire Brill

Ushers: Lewis Wyche, Randy Ragsdale

Greeters: Everyone Audio: Tommie Elder

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate. Join us in Lackey Hall after both services for refreshments and conversation. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MURIEL IFEKWUNIGWE**, daughter of Ann Ifekwunigwe, is being baptized today. Welcome to her family and friends celebrating with us.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT 9:30 AM TODAY** is Our Presiding Bishop and the Jesus Movement. Next Sunday will be The Episcopal Church and Evangelism.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2018 are in Lackey Hall.

**UPCOMING EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN EVENTS**

**ECW Sunday**, January 14

**ECW Annual Luncheon and Meeting** – Monday, January 15, at Noon, with guest speaker, Gini DiStanislao.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 14** after the 10:30 a.m. service. All altar guild members are urged to attend; the altar schedule for the upcoming year will be available at that time. We are also in need of new members. Duties of this important ministry include setting the altar for services, washing linens, and arranging flowers. If you are interested, but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Nancy Furr at 454.0023 - [npfurr@gmail.com](mailto:npfurr@gmail.com).

**TRI-CITIES BAND CONCERT** will be held in Lackey Hall on Sunday afternoon, January 28 at 3:00 p.m.

**ANNE RUSMISELL BOOK SALE** will begin on Sunday, February 18 and continue throughout the season of Lent. Please begin bringing in your used books, CD's, games, historical, biographical and children's books and place in the back room of Lackey Hall. (Please do not bring Reader's Digest or text books.) The ECW contributes all proceeds to the Church Periodical Club.

**COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY!** The group meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. led by Claire Brill. We welcome you to attend.

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal/AA Meeting