

Welcome to Grace Church

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm



GRACE CHURCH

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

and on Zoom

Step into Grace where strangers become friends.

We are an open and affirming church.

Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice.

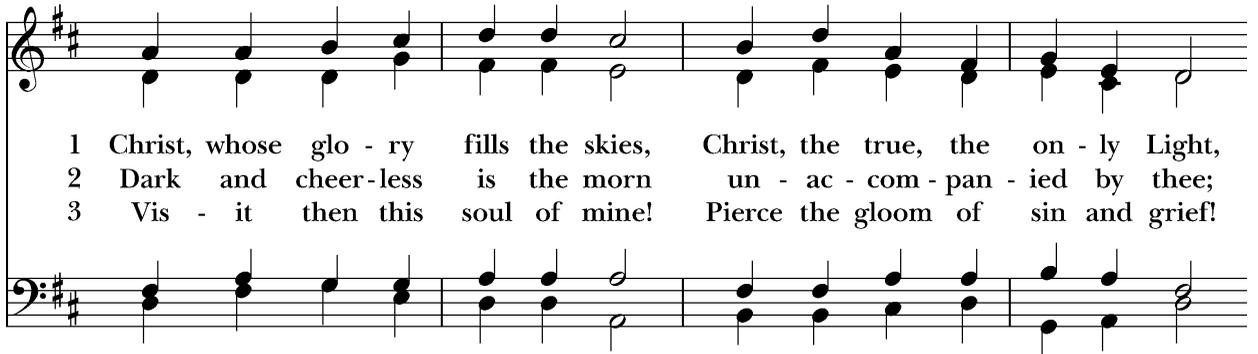
No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—you are welcome here.

The Word of God

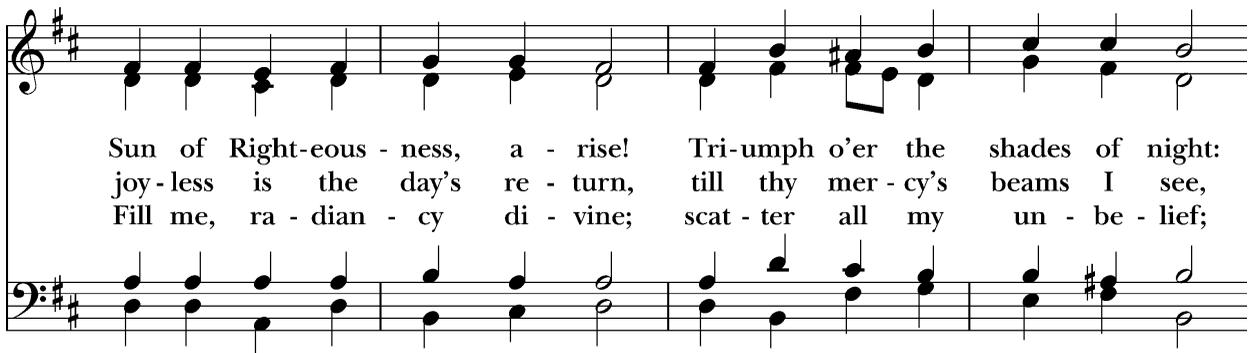
OPENING HYMN

Christ whose glory fills the sky

H7 vs. 1-3



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

H507 v 1

Praise the Spirit in creation

(The following is sung, all standing as able.)

Introduction



Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -

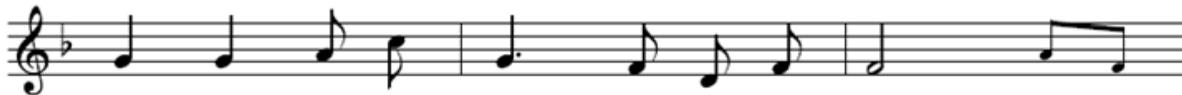


gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick-ening



worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things

Conclusion



breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! *

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
8They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
9For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
10Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Holy Spirit, font of light

H228

vs 1 & 3 before Gospel, v 5 after

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, font of light, fo - cus of God's glo - ry bright,
 2 Source of strength and sure re - lief, com - fort - er in time of grief,
 3 En - ter each as - pir - ing heart, oc - cu - py its in - most part
 4 With your soft, re - fresh - ing rains break our drought, re - move our stains;
 5 As your prom - ise we be - lieve, make us rea - dy to re - ceive

1 shed on us a shin - ing ray. Fa - ther of the fa - ther - less,
 2 en - ter in and be our guest. On our jour - ney grant us aid,
 3 with your daz - zling pu - ri - ty. All that gives to us our worth,
 4 bind up all our in - ju - ries. Shake with rush - ing wind our will;
 5 gifts from your un - bound - ed store. Grant en - a - bling en - er - gy,

1 giv - er of gifts lim - it - less, come and touch our hearts to - day.
 2 fresh - ening breeze and cool - ing shade, in our la - bor in - ward rest.
 3 all that ben - e - fits the earth, you bring to ma - tu - ri - ty.
 4 melt with fire our i - cy chill; bring to light our per - ju - ries.
 5 cour - age in ad - ver - si - ty, joys that last for ev - er - more.

THE GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tina Rathbone

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Bishop, Doug;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Minister and the People may greet one another in the name of God by sharing a physically distanced sign of Christ's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

H 138 VS.1-4

All praise to you, O Lord

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might - y power did
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be - dient to your word, the
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al - ways to live and
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the

man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

SANCTUS

S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

S155



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant
The People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

To ensure the safety of all, we are currently sharing only the bread from the altar, not the wine. Gluten-free bread is also available. Please let the priest know if you prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And, lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast!

If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

H443 vs. 1-5

From God Christ's deity came forth



1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -
2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -
3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who
4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his
5 Who then, my Lord, com-pares with you? The Watch - er slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his
2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his
3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - jice but
4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and
5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.
2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.
3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.
4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.
5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child you remind us to take care of all you have created.

We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world.

Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts – and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

WLP778 vs. 1-4

We are all one in mission



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Jesu, joy of man's desiring* by J.S. Bach; arr. John Carter

*Flowers are given today by Pennie Curry
in thanksgiving for her sister Kathy O'Brien*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	TODAY 1/16	NEXT SUNDAY 1/23
<i>WELCOME TEAM</i>	Rick Gore	Sally Brooke
	Marcia Doelman	Sarah Sieber
<i>ACOLYTE</i>	Robert Forman	Cathy Haywood
<i>LECTOR</i>	Dindy Anderson	Sue Gore
<i>INTERCESSOR</i>	Kathy Clausen	Kathy Clausen
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	Sue Gore	Kathy Clausen
<i>ALTAR GUILD</i>	Monique Kirchoff	Cathy Haywood
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<i>TECH</i>	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter
<i>COFFEE HOUR</i>		
<i>COUNTERS</i>	Rick Gore	Sarah Sieber
	Margaret Layton	Ian Booten

CALENDAR

ONGOING

Thursdays	Centering Prayer ^{1 & 3}	5:00 PM
Sundays	Worship Service ^{2 & 3}	10:00 AM

All Sunday services in September will be at Crissey Farm, both in-person and live-streamed. If you are unable to join us in person, please visit our website, www.graceberkshires.org, for zoom links.

The Office/Chapel ¹ / Crissey Farm ² / On Zoom ³

*For more information about the Grace Church's regular work and worship, please visit **Tuesday's Child** newsletter on the website.*

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Pennie Curry, Sue Gore, George Raymond, Doreen Hutchinson, Anne Andrews, Mark Anderson, Stacey Thomas, Claire and Mark Thomas, Meredith Haider, Linda White, Rosemarie Blakely, Marina Bowens, John Breasted, Jane Brooks, Vonnie Frye, Barbara Gore, and Barbara Turner.

Others we Love: All those grieving the death of Nelda Curry, especially Cooper; Larry Cheek, John's brother; Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy; Joy Milani, dear friend of Dindy Anderson; Rino Aldrighetti, beloved friend of Steve White; and two-year-old, Wyatt Hicks.

Those who have died: Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nelda Curry, Sam Raymond, Sara Keene; Vanessa Neves, daughter of Patti Poulos, friend of many in the congregation; Sara Bowers; Bernadette McCarroll, step grandma to Ellis and soul sister to Jainee & John; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Ruth Crawford; John Grammer, husband of Mary Anne; Neil Brandt, brother of Linda White; John Turner, husband of Barbara Turner; Leslie Albert, friend of Margaret Layton & Sarah Sieber; Jim Santolin, a dear friend of Rick & Sue.

Our world: For all those whose lives have been affected by extreme weather in this country and around the world. For the people of the Holy Land, and of Afghanistan and Haiti, who continue to struggle with insecurity, violence and multiple burdens almost too great to bear. For all victims of gun violence, and for those who inflict gun violence on others. For people who are suffering from COVID, those who have died, those who mourn, caregivers, hospital workers, and those who have been affected through loss of work, income, and housing. For all who are alone, or afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants and all our neighbors, near and far.

The many ministries of our local community, especially: for our partners at St. Paul's and the Revs. Sam Smith and Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity, and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home in Ghana.

And we offer thanks: for all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Especially, Marina Bowens, Edna Leavenworth, Pat Carlson.

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Class of 2023	Dindy Anderson, Holly Murray
Class of 2024	Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston

Grace Church's
Annual Meeting
will follow worship service
on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Epiphany

It might have been just someone else's story,
Some chosen people get a special king.
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him,
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In temples they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

By Malcolm Guite

Grace Church worships and gardens
on the traditional land of the Mohican people.