

*Rejoice and Be Glad, Jan Richardson*

# Grace Episcopal Church

## Wednesday Morning Prayer

### January 12, 2022

## We Gather in God's Name

*We keep silence for a time.*

*The Officiant says*

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day.

**All We thank you for the daily resurrection of life, seen and unseen.**

*Officiant* Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**All Spirit of God, search our hearts today, and teach us your Way of forgiveness and love.**

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;

**All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Praise to the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# We Proclaim and Respond to God's Word

## Psalm | 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

How priceless is your love, O God!  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## First Reading | Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

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.

*(reading continues on the next page)*

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.

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading** | I Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from First Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore 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.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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## **Gospel** | John 2:1-11

Officiant A reading from the Gospel according to John.

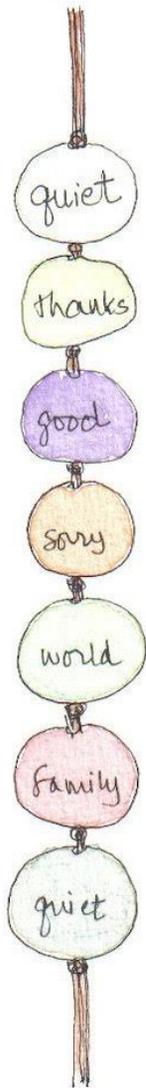
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When 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 and 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." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Homily or Reflection**

# We Pray for the World and All People



Seven Beads - Julie Snyder '10

Let us rest quietly in the presence of God.  
*We gather our hearts in silent prayer.*

Let us give thanks for God's blessings.  
*We offer prayers of thanksgiving.*

Let us rejoice with those who rejoice.  
*We offer prayers of praise.*

Let us confront ourselves with honesty.  
*We offer prayers of confession.*

Let us intercede for the whole world.  
*We offer prayers for all people.*

Let us pray for those closest to our hearts.  
*We pray for those in our parish family.*

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## Healing Prayers

Officiant      Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. **Amen.**

*All are invited to name those to be included in prayers for healing, aloud or in chat. Please share only the names of those for whom we should pray.*

*The Officiant offers a concluding prayer for healing*

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, especially [...]. Strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## We Are Sent into God's World

Officiant      Let us bless the Lord.

**All              Thanks be to God.**

Officiant      Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**