

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

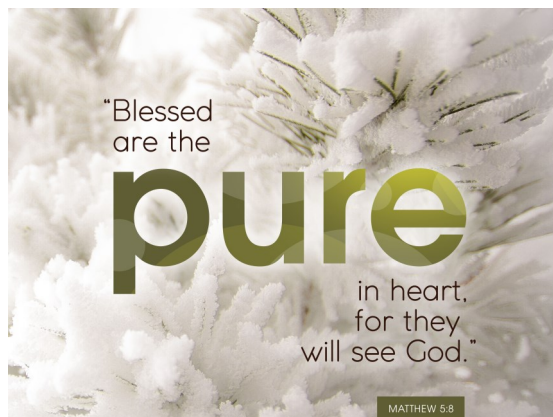
The Baptism of Grant Matthew Hayes

January 29, 2023 10:00am

Epiphany Parish, Walpole

Rite II

We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.



The Prelude

Opening Hymn

H#437 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

The Word of God

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

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

The Celebrant then continues:

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 (in unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
⁷ Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human

wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

H#656 Blest are the pure in heart

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Hal Edmonson



Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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The Celebrant says: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents say: **I present Grant Matthew Hayes to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

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

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

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

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

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

Answer: **I renounce them.**

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

Answer: **I renounce them.**

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

Answer: **I renounce them.**

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

Answer: **I do.**

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

Answer: **I do.**

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

Answer: **I do.**

Celebrant addresses the congregation:

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

People: **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

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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 Candidates

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

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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 forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

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.**

Celebrant 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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

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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The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:

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

When this action has been completed, the celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying:

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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.*

Then the celebrant places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

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

The Celebrant says: 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.**

The Peace is now exchanged.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

H#593 Lord, make us servants of your peace



Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Celebrant and People

*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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant continues

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 [_____ and] 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,

People and Celebrant

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.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

H#441 In the cross of Christ I glory

Post Communion Prayer

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living 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 forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

H#542 Christ is the world's true Light

Welcome & Announcements

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses with these words

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament..

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

Welcome to Epiphany Parish!

We are glad you are here and hope that you leave feeling closer to God.

A Special Welcome to Grant!



Those in Our Prayers for the Week of January 29, 2023

Maureen Hayes, Ed Glebus, Megan E, Tony, Amanda C, Peter

In Thanksgiving of the birth of Griffin Thomas Buchelli to Michelle (Helm) & Dave Buchelli.

We also continue to remember: Frank Baronie , Gerry, David M, Ken Rohr, Frank Faricey, Cynthia S, Phyllis Goetz, Shirley Hutchins, Jenny Whitcomb, Phyllis MacKinnon, Peter, Phil Sanford, Sally Huff, Ruth Dorsey, Jane Shea, Patricia Hines, Scott Ashmanski, Don Uliano, Jason H, Shawn H

- We pray for our first responders and military personnel and their families.
- We pray for those affected by war, terrorism, natural disaster and violence, racism, abuse, addiction or loneliness.

Recently Departed: Margery Schiano, Dean Najarian, Peter W

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Alan & Rhonda Banks & Family
Jay Barrett & Family
Jo-Ann Barrett & Family
Michael Barrett & Family

Walpole Cycle of Prayer: All Nations Worship Center

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston)
Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry
St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston)
St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston)
Veterans Ministries

Celebrating Birthdays: January 29 – Peter Ellison
January 30 – Evan Vigneau
January 31 – Ella Procaccini
February 2 – Robert Barry

Celebrating Anniversaries:

Altar Flowers given in celebration of Grant Hayes' Baptism by his family.



Epiphany Parish News— January 29, 2023

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January 29, 2023

Baptism of Grant Matthew Hayes - 10:00am

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Rev. Hal Edmonson's Ordination
At Epiphany Parish 2:00pm

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Annual Meeting following 10:00am worship

A Call To Prayer

As the new year begins, I would like to call together all those who would like to be involved in a prayer group that prays with intention for those needing God's ear. At Epiphany, we have seen within our community, the power of prayer in relieving the pain of illness, anxiety, loss, and just the stress of everyday life. We also have seen the avenue of thanksgiving that prayer allows us to offer. I would like to restore the prayer group we had years ago. We will receive names from Christen, our rector, and include those in need in our daily prayers. There is power in prayer to comfort, to heal, to give us the grace of God's love. If you would like to be a member of our Epiphany Prayer Group, you can let Christen or me know and we will keep you informed of those who can be added to your daily communion with God. Thank you and Happy 2023!

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Epiphany Parish Weekly Events at a Glance

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday

6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday,

7:15am Morning Prayer
10-2pm Church Open for Prayer

Friday

8:00 pm AA (undercroft)