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## *The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2*



**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 4, a.d. 2026 at 10:15 a.m.**

*Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community and the Parish*



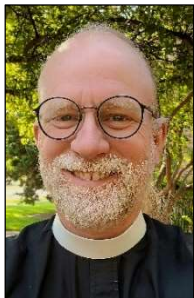
**Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.** We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

**Welcome Card.** If you are new to Grace, we would love to have a record of your visit. There is a Welcome Card in the pew rack. Please fill out as much (or as little) information as you would like to share with us and place it in the offering plate when it comes by.

**A Word about Communion.** At the heart of our worship is Holy Communion, which we also call Holy Eucharist. We celebrate it every Sunday with bread and real wine. Please know that we practice an open table; all Christians (no matter what tradition you come from) are invited and encouraged to come forward and receive communion. On page 16, there are more details about how we practice communion at Grace.

Again, welcome! If you ever have any questions or thoughts feel free to call, text, or email me (620-314-7520; [frted.grace@gmail.com](mailto:frted.grace@gmail.com)).

Blessings,  
Father Ted Blakley



*Priest and Rector*



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## PRELUDE

“A Prelude in E Minor” organ by Jan Howard  
G.F. Handel, arr. by L. Dean Bye © 1992 by Mel Bay Publications, Inc.

## WELCOME

**PROCESSION INTO WORSHIP** *stand* “Angels From the Realms of Glory” • Hymnal 93 (vv. 1-4)  
Words: James Montgomery, Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation’s story,  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

*Come and worship, come and worship  
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light:

*Come and worship, come and worship  
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

*Come and worship, come and worship  
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:

*Come and worship, come and worship  
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *stand*

*The Book of Common Prayer 355*

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

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glorify to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heav'nly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON** *sit*

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah*

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
 their life shall become like a watered garden,  
 and they shall never languish again.  
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
 I will turn their mourning into joy,  
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 84** *to be read responsively by whole verse*

BCP 707

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house  
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
 my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
 they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
 For the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, \*  
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; \***  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 **For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \***  
**he will give grace and glory;**
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 **O Lord of hosts, \***  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

## THE SECOND LESSON *sit*

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*The Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Come with us, O blessed Jesus,  
with us evermore to be;  
and though leaving now thine altar,  
let us nevermore leave thee.  
Be thou one with us forever,  
in our life thy love divine  
our own flesh and blood has taken,  
and to us thou givest thine.**

**Come with us, O mighty Savior,  
God from God, and Light from Light;  
thou art God, thy glory veiling,  
so that we may bear the sight.  
Now we go to seek and serve thee,  
through our work as through our prayer;  
grant us light to see and know thee,  
in thy people everywhere.**

**Come with us, O King of glory,  
by angelic voices praised;  
in our hearts as in thy heaven,  
be enraptured anthems raised.  
Let the mighty chorus ever sing  
its glad exultant songs;  
let its hymn be heard for ever  
peace for which creation longs.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew*  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## THE SERMON

Father Ted Blakley

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*





## THE NICENE CREED

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*The Deacon (or Celebrant) bids the people to proclaim their faith.*

*The Deacon begins the Creed and the people join in.*

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.**



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, Sean, Mark, and Mike; for our parish clergy, Amy, Bill, Larry, Larry, Ted, Todd, and Shane. In the world-wide Anglican Communion, for the Church of the Providence of Central Africa, and in the Diocese of Western Kansas we pray for the clergy and people of Upper Room Church in Lakin, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald our President and Laura our Governor, for our representatives and judges, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Hutchinson, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Abigail, Carson, Kent, Terry, Pam, Johnny, Stacy, Ellie, David, Josie, Wyatt, Darien, Kayla, Sarah, Max, Kassidy, Jordan, Lily, June, Aubrey, Diane, Bailey, Mary, Phillip, Jill, Clare, Avalynn, Daniel and Tod. Are there others? For those confined to home or care center, for Fifi, Ruth Ann, Randy, Clarice, Jane, Virginia, Lorene, and Lil.



For those prayers and thanksgivings received online: \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence, and then The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE** *stand*

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

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

## **PEACE HYMN** *stand*

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" • Hymnal 324 (vv. 1-4)

Words: Liturgy of St. James, Music: *Picardy*, French carol; melody from *Popular Songs from the Provinces of France*

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the Body and the Blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heave  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

# *The Liturgy of the Table*

## **GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*In gratitude for who God is and what God does, we give back to God a portion of what God has given to us so that God's mission through this place and this people might flourish. What you give today represents your life and your labors, your loves and loyalties, your joys and thanksgivings, and God receives it with gladness.*





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## OFFERTORY *sit*

“What Child is This?” organ by Jan Howard

Arr. by Richard Ellsasser © 1959 by Edward B. Marks Music Corporation

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

### Sursum Corda (“Lift up your hearts...”) *stand*

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

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

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *kneel*

BCP 364

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *kneel*

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

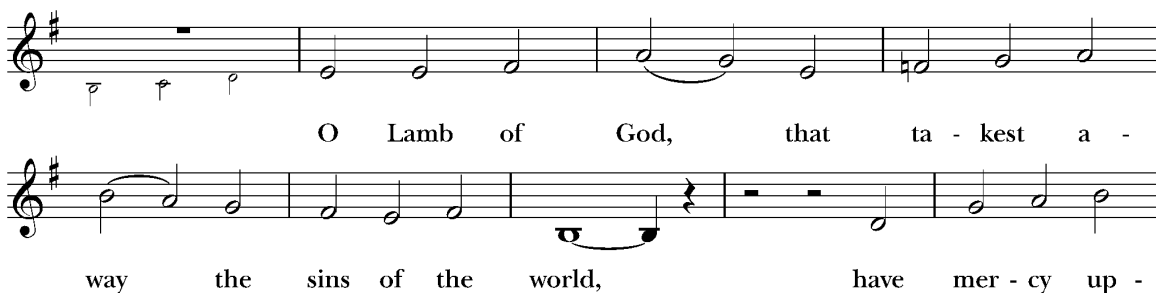
*A period of silence is kept, in reverent thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-158



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own right-eousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.***

## THE INVITATION

This is the Banquet of the Lamb.

It is made ready for those who love God,  
And for those who want to love God 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 Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.



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At this time, an usher will come forward and invite each row to go forward for communion. **Bread.** When it is your turn to receive communion simply extend your cupped hands forward, and a priest will place the wafer of bread in your hands. **Gluten Free.** If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands palms down. **Real Wine.** If you wish to receive the wine, you may drink from the chalice or you may dip the wafer into the chalice. **Two Stations.** You may choose to receive communion at the altar rail or at the station on the right side in front of the pulpit.

+ The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**  
 + The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

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“Canticle of the Turning”

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the





weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

## THE BLESSING

## PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD *stand*

“Joy To the World” • Hymnal 100 (vv. 1-4)

Words: Isaac Watts, Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel, adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## DISMISSAL & SENDING FORTH INTO GOD’S MISSION FIELD

*The Deacon bids the people to go forth into the world in mission, using the following or some other dismissal.*

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Birthdays and  
Anniversaries*



## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## HOST FELLOWSHIP HOUR

If you would be willing to host a Sunday please sign up.  
This is a good way for people to connect with one another.

**Upcoming Dates Available:** January 11 – January 18

# WHO & WHAT IS THE VESTRY?

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads the parish. The vestry...

- helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- articulates and communicates the vision;
- holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.



God creates the Church, and invites us to participate in the process. A congregation's leaders are the stewards of that creation and hold it in trust. The congregation has been given the resources needed to do the job God has called it to do. Leaders identify and allocate those resources enabling the Church to carry out its mission. They also lead the congregation in celebrating and giving thanks for these resources.

## *Meetings of the Vestry*

**Vestry Night.** On the first Monday of each month, the Vestry meets at the church from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. On Vestry Nights, we focus on the adaptive work of discerning and clarifying the mission of the church. We begin our evenings with a catered meal. We devote our time to the work of building community, developing our leadership capacity, learning new perspectives and skills, and finding ways to carry out God's mission in practical ways.

**Vestry Zoom.** On the third Monday of a month, the Vestry meets online from 6:30 to 7:00 pm via Zoom. At this meeting, we focus on the more technical work of finances, stewardship, building and grounds.

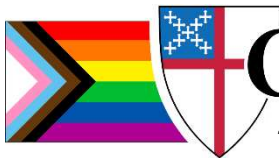
## *Who Can Serve on Vestry?*

Nominees for Vestry must be baptized and confirmed, attend worship at Grace regularly, and contribute financially to the mission and ministry of Grace. Nominees will fill out a questionnaire that will be distributed to the congregation the week before the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026.

## *Looking for 5 Nominees.*

We have three off-going Vestry members—Stephen Armstrong, Toni Cottrell, and Julie Steen—and two other partial terms that need to be filled. So, we are looking for at least 5 nominees: 3 persons to serve three-year terms and 2 to serve two-year terms.

You may nominate yourself, or you may nominate someone else, if you have their permission to do so. Signup sheets are in the Narthex or nominations may be sent to Heidi in the church office ([grace.hutch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grace.hutch@sbcglobal.net)).



# GRACE EPISCOPAL

*Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community & the Parish*

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Monday thru Thursday**  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm



### ONLINE PRAYER

9:00 pm • Every Night ..... Compline Online at Nine (FB LIVE)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 am..... The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken

9:15 am..... Adult Sunday School: Sermon Sojourner

10:15 am..... The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music

After 10:15 am Service ..... Fellowship Hour in Parish Hall

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 pm ..... Al-Anon

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 am..... Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

10:00 am..... Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm ..... Elementary and MS-HS Youth Groups

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 am..... The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken

9:00 – 9:45 am..... Youth Breakfast

10:15 am..... The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music

After 10:15 am Service ..... Fellowship Hour in Parish Hall



### SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • EPIPHANY 1

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 3:13-17



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