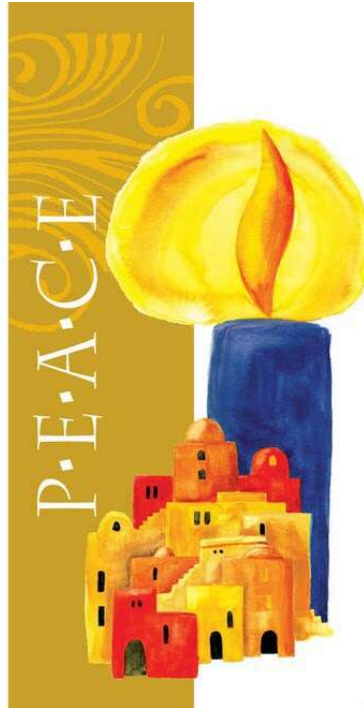




# *The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2*

WITH SERVICE OF HEALING



*Take  
Me  
Home*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 21, a.d. 2025 • 10:15 a.m.**

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



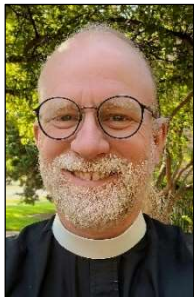
**Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.** We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

**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 15, 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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# The Liturgy of the Word

## PRELUDE *sit*

“While By The Sheep/While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”  
by George F. Handel, arr. Fred Bock

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL *stand*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” • Hymnal #56 (vv. 1, 6, 7, 8)  
Words: Latin, ca. 9<sup>th</sup> cent; ver. *Hymnal 1940* Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by the drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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and ransom captive Israel,  
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## OPENING ACCLAMATION *stand*

BCP 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.**

**Glory 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**

BCP 413

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Isaiah 7:10-16

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, \***  
**how long will you be angered**  
**despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \***  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \***  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN** *stand*

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” • Hymnal #66 (vv. 1-4)

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: *Stuttgart*, adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** *stand*

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

## **THE SERMON** *sit*

Father Bill Waln

*A minute of silence for reflection or rest follows the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED *stand*

BCP 358

*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.**



**LITANY OF HEALING:** *kneel as able*

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: We especially pray Abigail, Carson, Kent, Terry, Pam, Vanessa, Kathy, Terri, Harold, Johnny, Stacy, Dennis, Lukas, Ellie, Sebastian, Bobby, Graham, Ame, Brian, Christopher and David. For those confined to home or care center, for Fifi, Ruth Ann, Randy, Clarice, Jane, Virginia, Lorene, and Lil.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,  
that they may be made whole; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent,  
a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress  
to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering,  
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your  
Holy Spirit those who are bereaved: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,  
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: **And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

*Celebrant ends with a concluding Collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies  
look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover  
of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

BCP 455

*If oil for the Anointing of the Sick is to be blessed, the Priest says*

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The following anthem is said*

*Celebrant:* Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;  
*People:* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

*Note: It is an accepted practice for a person to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil on behalf of others, and that is what we are doing today.*



*The person being prayed over and anointed on behalf of others reads the names of those for whom prayers of healing have been received online during the service.*

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

**Amen.**

*If the person is to be anointed, the Priest dips a thumb in the holy oil, and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead, saying*

N., I anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest concludes*

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE *stand*

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

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

## PEACE HYMN *stand*

“Soon and Very Soon” • LEVAS #14 (vv. 1-4)

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Text: Andrae Crouch (b. 1942); Music: Andrae Crouch



1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

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 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
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 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,

— Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. 3. 4.  
 — Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

## 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.*



### DIGITAL OFFERING PLATE: THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE

- ✓ Go to [www.tinyurl.com/Giving2Grace](http://www.tinyurl.com/Giving2Grace)
- ✓ Scan the QR Code on the left.

### OFFERTORY *sit*

"Where Is This Stupendous Stranger?" Grace Choir  
 by Conrad Susa ©1992 E.C. Schirmer Music Company, Inc.

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *stand*

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;

✚ praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Celebrant:* All things come of Thee, O Lord.

*People:* And of Thine own have we given Thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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 *kneel*

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 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,

*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 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.

**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** *kneel as you are able*

*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 takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away 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 righteousness, 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.

# HOLY COMMUNION IN ONE OR BOTH KINDS

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.**

## COMMUNION HYMN *stand*

"Canticle of the Turning" • Text: 2

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.



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 *kneel as able*

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.



**PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD** *stand* "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" • Hymnal #497 (vv. 1-3)  
Music: William Mercer, Music: *How Beautifully it Shines*, melody arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

How bright appears the Morning Star,  
with mercy beaming from afar;  
the host of heaven rejoices;  
O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!  
Thou Son of Man and Son of God!  
We, too, will lift our voices:  
Jesus, Jesus!  
Holy, holy,  
yet most lowly,  
draw thou near us;  
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high,  
he deigned to cast a pitying eye  
upon his helpless creature;  
the whole creation's Head and Lord,  
by highest seraphim adored,  
assumed our very nature;  
Jesus, grant us,  
through thy merit,  
to inherit  
thy salvation;  
hear, O hear our supplication.

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;  
with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,  
for this his Incarnation.  
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,  
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,  
till all know thy salvation.  
Amen, amen!  
Alleluia,  
alleluia!  
Praise be given  
evermore, by earth and heaven.

**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.



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

*In Memory of or in Thanksgiving for Someone*

If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in memory or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. They are \$25 each.



## HELP GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS

*Monday, December 22, 9:30am*

There is nothing quite like our Christmas Eve service at Grace—the liturgy, the music, the lights, the colors.

The Altar Guild requests the people of Grace to gather on the morning of December 22nd to get the church ready for Christmas, so that we can show the world the beauty of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name;  
Bring offerings and coming into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

—Psalm 96:8-9a



## END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Your giving is what makes the mission and ministry of Grace possible. Please consider a year-end gift.

If you want your gift included in this year's giving statement, please have it to the office by December 31st.

# CHRISTMAS EVE

**4:00 pm**

## Stations of Advent

*Family-Friendly Service with Music*

**7:00 pm**

## Choral Eucharist

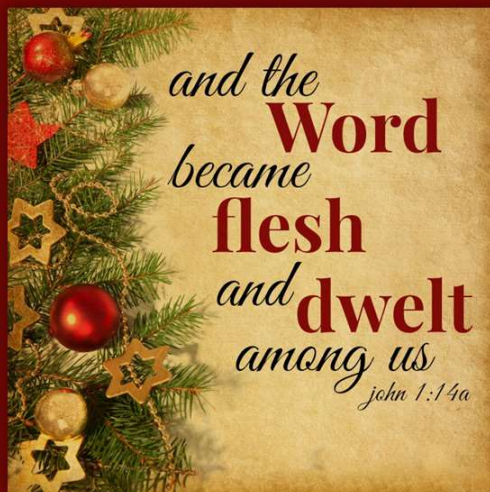
- 6:40 Christmas Music
- 6:30 Streaming Starts

THE PEOPLE  
WALKING IN  
DARKNESS  
HAVE SEEN A  
GREAT LIGHT

*- Isaiah 9:2 -*



# CHRISTMAS DAY



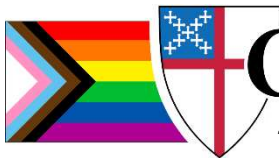
and the  
**Word**  
became  
**flesh**  
and  
**dwelt**  
among us  
*john 1:14a*

**10:00 am**

## Holy Eucharist II

*Meets in the Chapel*

*Joy to the World!*



# GRACE EPISCOPAL

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

## Upcoming EVENTS

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

December 25 – January 4  
Office will reopen January 5.



#### ONLINE PRAYER

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

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 am ..... The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken  
9:15 am ..... Adult Sunday School: Sermon Sojourners  
10:15 am ..... The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music  
After the Service ..... Fellowship Hour in Parish Hall

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 am ..... Help Get the Church Ready for Christmas  
7:00 pm ..... Al-Anon

#### CHRISTMAS EVE — WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 am ..... **NO** Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
10:00 am ..... **NO** Adult Bible Study  
4:00 pm ..... Stations of Advent Family-Friendly Service  
7:00 pm ..... Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist  
Christmas Music starts at 6:40pm

#### CHRISTMAS DAY — THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am ..... Holy Eucharist II • The Chapel



#### SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • CHRISTMAS 1

- Isaiah 61:10—62:3
- Psalm 147
- Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
- John 1:1-18

Read  
ahead.

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