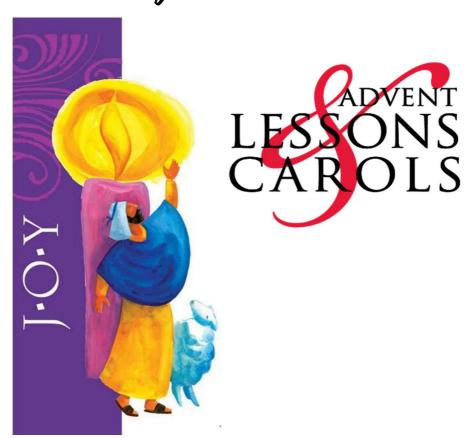
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# The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 14, a.d. 2025 at 10:15 a.m.

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



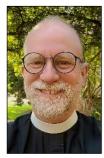
**Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church.** We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

**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 12, 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).

Blessings, Father Ted Blakley



Priest and Rector





Streaming Starts at 10:05 a.m. • Liturgy Starts at 10:15 a.m. To join the service, go to facebook.com/gracechurchhutch/live.

# The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE "Credo" by John Leavitt

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL stand

"Once In Royal David's City" (v 1-6) • Solo by Wesley Spears (v. 1) Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, Music: Henry John Gauntlett

Wesley Spears will sing the first verse as a solo. The congregation will join in the rest of the verses.

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another. For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew; he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him; through his own redeeming love; for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round, we shall see him; but in heaven, where his throne surround: Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

#### **BIDDING PRAYER** kneel as able

The Celebrant begins...

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us listen attentively to the words which Christ himself taught us to pray:

"The Lord's Prayer"

solo by Nancy French

Our Father, which art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, And the power,
And the glory forever. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes...

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.** 

**INVITATORY** sit

Hymnal 112 (v 1-4) • Congregation

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Words: Christina Rosseti, Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:

in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

#### THE FIRST LESSON & CAROL

"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

#### THE SECOND LESSON & CAROL

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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:

Refrain

Genesis 3:8-15, 12-19 • Andrea Springer

Solo by Melissa Beck

Genesis 22:15-18 • Sarah Blake

Hymnal 93 (v 1-4) • Congregation

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Thomas Smart

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

#### Refrain

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

Refrain

#### THE THIRD LESSON & CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Micah 5:2-4 • Riley McRae
Solo by Nancy French

### THE FOURTH LESSON & CAROL

"Little Lamb Who Made Thee?"

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 • Deacon Todd Ray Solo by Lucy Steen

#### THE FIFTH LESSON & CAROL

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

Luke 1:26-35, 38 • Steve Snook Hymnal 265 (v 1-4) • Congregation

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould, Music: Edgar Pettman

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say— "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

#### THE SIXTH LESSON & CAROL

"Softly"

Luke 2:1, 3-7 • Chris Behrens Solo by Missy Waln

#### **SEVENTH LESSON & CAROL**

"Away in a Manger"

Luke 2:8-16 • Carla Kenyon Grace Children

#### THE EIGHTH LESSON & CAROL

"Hallelujah, My Father"

Matthew 2:1-12 • Lucy Steen
Grace Choir

#### THE NINTH LESSON & CAROL

John 1:1-14 • Mary Gere Bridger

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Hymnal 83 (v 1-6) • Congregation

Words: John Francis Wade; tr. Frederick Oakley, et al., Music: Adeste fideles, att. John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: glory to God, glory in the highest;

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

#### THE PEACE stand

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

People: And also with you.

# 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
- ✓ Scan the **QR Code** on the right.
- ✓ Text **GIVE** to **620-542-8024**.

**OFFERTORY** sit

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" • Grace Choir

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius and Henry Williams Baker, Music: Divine Mystery

#### 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.

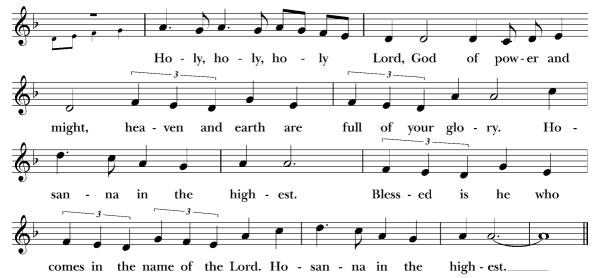
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



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; 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.** 

#### 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, 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

 ${\it The \ Celebrant \ breaks \ the \ consecrated \ Bread.}$ 

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.



#### **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

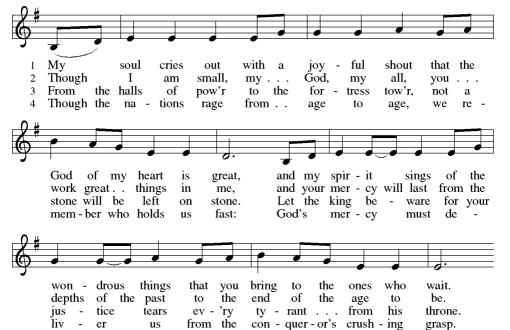
At this time, an usher will come forward and invite each row to go forward for communion. **Bread.** When it is your turn to receive communion simply extend your cupped hands forward, and a priest will place the wafer of bread in your hands. **Gluten Free.** If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, extend 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  $\hbox{@}$  1990 GIA Publications, Inc.





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.

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#### THE BLESSING

#### PROCESSIONAL stand

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal 87 (vv. 1-3)

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn adapt. William H. Cummings

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

#### 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.

# YOUTHRIVE NEW Tosteradoot conn

This Christmas, we invite you to bring hope and joy to young adults who have aged out of foster care by contributing to our annual Christmas Gift Drive, Give Iov.

Every donation, whether it's a thoughtful gift, a heartfelt homemade item, baked goods, Christmas cards, gift cards, groceries, or an item pur-

**chased from our Amazon Wish List,** helps remind these resilient youth that they are seen, valued, and supported. Your generosity goes a long way in making the season brighter for those who may not have family to celebrate with.

Please deliver all gifts to our office by **December 19th**, so we have time to prepare and distribute them before the holiday. Thank you for sharing the spirit of the season in such a meaningful way.

> FOR AMAZON WISH LIST click OR Code or go to www.tinyurl.com/GiveJoyFAC

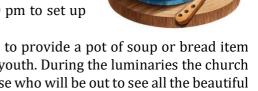


## **HYDE PARK LUMINARIES & SOUP SUPPER**

Saturday, December 20, 6:00 to 8:00pm



We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and set out sacks for the Hyde Park Luminaries. We are looking for helpers at 4:30 pm to set up and 9:00 pm to put away.



We are also looking for people to provide a pot of soup or bread item for our soup supper put on by our youth. During the luminaries the church will be open as a warm spot for those who will be out to see all the beautiful lights. The youth need our help to ensure we can feed all our guests.

Sign-up sheets for both of these items are in the Narthex, or you can sign up online using the QR Codes.



SIGN UP TO HELP WITH LUMINARIES www.tinyurl.com/GECSoup2025

> SIGN UP TO BRING SOUP OR BREAD www.tinyurl.com/GECSoup2025





# HELP GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, 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 yearend gift.

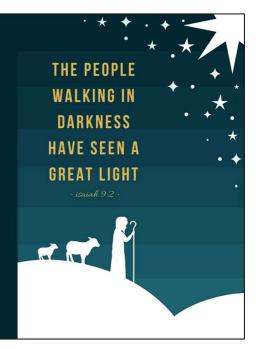
If you want your gift included in this year's giving statement, please have it to the office by December 31st.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

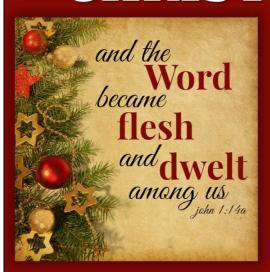
4:00 pm Stations of Advent A Family Friendly Service

7:00 pm Choral Eucharist

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



# **CHRISTMAS DAY**



10:00 am
Holy Eucharist II

Meets in the Chapel

Joy to the World!

## HELP US GET THE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATED

In January, we will be printing the latest edition of our church directory, and we want to make sure that everybody at Grace is in the directory and that their information is updated.

- Have you downloaded the Instant Church Directory app?
- Have you set up an account?
- Is your information up to date?

If you answered, "No," to any of these questions, Stephen Armstrong will be available after the service to help you.





**VIEW ONLINE.** To view our directory online, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please note, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

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You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.



#### **REVIEW & UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

Once you have logged into the directory, review and update your information. All changes will be reviewed and confirmed by the office before they go live.

- ✓ Add a photo
- ✓ Update your address, email, and phone numbers
- ✓ Add any birthdays or anniversaries (You don't have to give the year.)





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



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

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00 am	The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken
9:00 - 9:45 am	Youth Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 am	ECW Bake Sale
10:15 am	
After the Service	Fellowship Hour in Parish Hall

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:00 pm	Al-	Anon
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#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

6:30 pm	·Vestry Zoom
7:15 pm	Christian Formation Discipleship

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30 am	The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
10:00 am	Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm	Elementary and MS/HS Youth Groups

#### **SATURDAY. DECEMBER 20**

4:30 pm	Set Up Luminaries
6:00 to 8:00 pm	•
9:00 pm	



#### **SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • ADVENT 4**

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25





#### **CLERGY, STAFF, AND COORDINATORS**

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