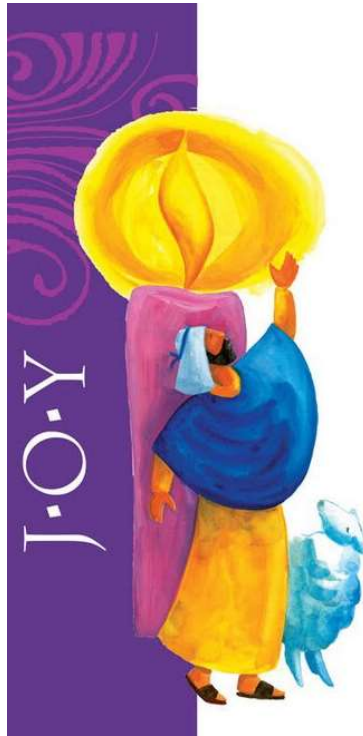




The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

WITH SERVICE OF HEALING



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, a.d. 2023 at 10:15 a.m.



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Welcome

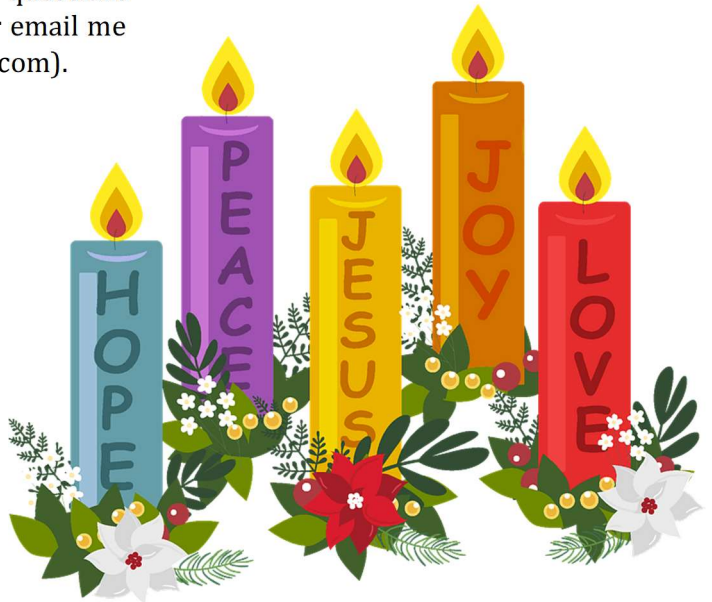
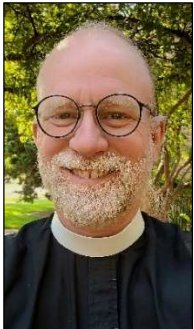
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

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 14, 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*



PRELUDE

“Rejoice!” arr. by Marilyn Ham • Played by Vonda McKenna
Medley with Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion; Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart;
and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ©1992 John T. Benson Publishing Co.

WELCOME

PROCESSION INTO WORSHIP *stand* “O Come, O Come, Emanuel” (v. 1, 6, 7, 8) • Hymnal 56

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.*

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

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
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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.**

KYRIE ELEISON: *“Lord, have mercy.”*

Hymnal S-88

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our
People: **And also with you.** sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with
Celebrant: Let us pray. you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for
A moment of silence is observed. ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *sit*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 15: The Magnificat *to be read in unison*

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**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; ***
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A Reading from First Thessalonians

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *stand*

“The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow” • Hymnal 462

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**The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom show;**

**and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on us below.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mtr. Amy Long

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.**



The meaning and shape of our life together as a community of persons is grounded in the inner life of God, the Trinity, and has been revealed to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Michael Jinkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: LITANY OF HEALING *kneel as able*

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: We especially pray Rachel, Valarie, Abigail, Carson, Elise, Steve, Becki, Ed, Bob, James, Wright, Dallas, Makayla, Ann, Lily, Jennifer, Jackie, Kris, Kent, Beth, Heather, Laural, Teresa, Rosalie, Trent, Daryl, Ame, Cody, Max, Wyatt, Josie, and Darien. For those confined to home or care center, for Mary, Nathalee, Julie, Ken, Fifi, Clarice, Jane, and Virginia.

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

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.**

HYMN *sit*

“The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen” • WLP 749

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**The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.**

**His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:**

**I missed of all: but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.**

**I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

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*

“December Rose” • Grace Choir

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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

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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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hymnal S-128

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.

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.**

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.**

**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.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

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

“O Lamb of God” • Hymnal S-158

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**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.**

JESUS' 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.

ONLINE: THE PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696–1787)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Communion.

My Jesus,

**I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

As though you have already come,

**I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

IN-PERSON: 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 *sit*

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding,
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.”**

**Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth’s bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;**

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” • Hymnal 59
William Henry Monk, ©1823-1889, Alan Gray, ©1855-1935

**so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while unending ages run.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING

PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD *stand*

“Tell Out, My Soul” • Hymnal 437

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**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children’s children and for evermore!**

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.**



YOUTH CAROLING NIGHT

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00pm

Weather permitting, Grace Youth are planning on caroling around Hyde Park on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7pm. The youth invite any parishioners who are interested to join them. They'll finish up by 7:30 pm and will enjoy hot cocoa and hot apple cider afterwards. Please contact Missy Waln for more details.

JOIN US & MAKE IT AN ALL-PARISH CAROLING NIGHT.

**LET'S SING TO OUR NEIGHBORS
ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.**

HELP GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 21, 9:30am

There is nothing quite like our Christmas Eve service at Grace—the liturgy, the music, the lights, the colors. And so, the Altar Guild invites the people of Grace to gather on the morning of December 21st 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



YOUTH GROUP DINNER SIGN-UP

Sign-up in the Narthex

Sign up to bring dinner for our youth groups. Meals can be simple. Drinks and desserts are appreciated, but not required. We eat at 6:30 pm, and we invite those who prepare the meal to join us for dinner. It is a great way to get to know our youth!

- **December 20**
- **January 3, 17, 24, 31**



HYDE PARK LUMINARIES AND SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, December 23, 6:00 to 8:00pm

We have enough people to help with the luminaries! **But we are still needing more soup!!** 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.



PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 21, 7:00pm

For many people, the Christmas holidays are not as holly-jolly as Hallmark would have us believe. Whether you are experiencing loss, change, disappointment or are just blue, this service offers you vocabulary, support, and companionship. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, whatever feelings the holiday season brings up in you, you are welcome at this service and in this community. Please mark your calendar and invite a friend.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In memory or thanksgiving

One of our long-standing Christmas traditions at Grace is to make the church beautiful with poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. They are \$25 each.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm

Stations of Advent

A Family Friendly Service

7:00 pm

Choral Eucharist

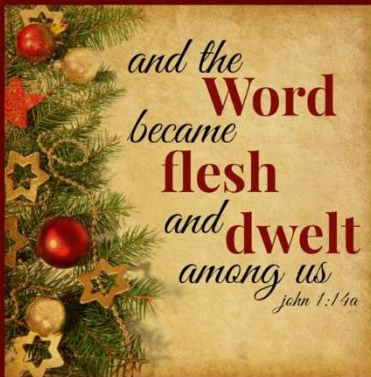
- 6:40 Christmas Music
- 6:30 Streaming Starts

THE PEOPLE
WALKING IN
DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A
GREAT LIGHT

- Isaiah 9:2 -



CHRISTMAS DAY



10:00 am

Holy Eucharist II

Joy to the World!

ONLINE PRAYER

- 9:00 pm • Every Night Compline Online at Nine (FB LIVE)
- 12:30 pm • Mondays & Wednesdays Centering Prayer (FB LIVE)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music
- After 10:15 am Service Fellowship Hour

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 6:30 pm Vestry Zoom
- 7:00 pm AI-Anon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 9:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 pm MS-HS and Elementary Youth Groups
- 7:00 pm Caroling Night

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:30 am Altar Guild: Getting the Church Ready for Christmas
- 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Hyde Park Luminaries & Soup Supper

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE

- 9:00 am One Service: Morning Prayer
- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve: Stations of Advent
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve: Choral Eucharist

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • ADVENT 4

- Samuel 7:1-11, 16
- Canticle 3
- Romans 16:25-27
- Luke 1:26-38





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