

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 29, 2023

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We are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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**W**ELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.



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January 29, 2023

Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

Mass Setting: *Grace Mass*

Edward Ivor Wagner, 1987

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.*

Voluntary: *Simple Gifts*

arr. Robert Hebble (d. 2020)

### Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (*choir*) *Laetetur cor*

Mode II

[*Antiphon*] Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the Lord, seek him and his strength: seek his face for evermore. [*Psalm*] O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his Name; tell the peoples what things he hath done. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. [*Repeat antiphon.*]

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

The musical score is written for three voices (Cantor) in a G major key signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a rest for the Cantor, followed by the lyrics "[Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.] Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son." The second staff continues with "[Chris-te e-lei-son.] Chris-te e-lei-son. Chris-te e-lei-son." The third staff concludes with "[Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.] Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son." The tempo marking "All" is placed above the second and third staves.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: **A**Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6: 1-8 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Micah.

**H**EAR what the LORD says: “Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.” “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

*People’s Response:* Thanks be to God.

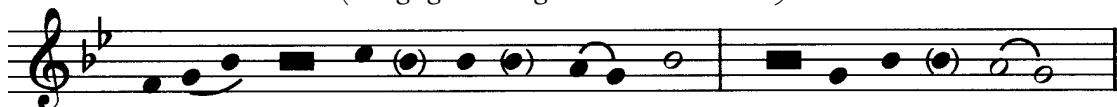


The Gradual: Psalm 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

Tone III.5

*(Congregation sings the italicized verses.)*



- 1 LORD, WHÖ shall dwell in thy | tabernäcle?  
\* *or who shall rest upon | thy ho^ly hill?*
- 2 *Even he that leadeth an | uncorrupt life,*  
\* *and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth | from his häart.*
- 3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil | to his neighbour,  
\* and hath not slandered | his neighböur.
- 4 *He that setteth not by himself but is lowly | in his öwn eyes,*  
\* *and maketh much of them | that fear ^ the LÖRD.*
- 5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour and disap- | pointeth him not,  
\* though it were to his | own hindrance.
- 6 *He that bath not given his money up- | on usüry,*  
\* *nor taken reward against | the in^nocent.*
- 7 Whoso | doeth these things  
\* — | shall ne^ver fall.



The Epistle: I Corinthians I: 18-31 [NRSV]

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

THE MESSAGE about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



Alleluia *Confitebor*

Tone VI



Choir: I will worship toward thy holy temple: and praise thy Name.



The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 1-12 [RSV]

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

*People's response:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

SEEING the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

“Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rowena J. Kemp, *Rector*

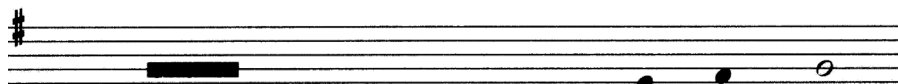
The Nicene Creed (*sung by all*)

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al-might-y, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth;  
and of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble; and in one Lord Je-sus Christ,  
the on-ly- be-got-ten Son of God, be- got-ten of his Fa-ther be-fore all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, ve-ry God of ve-ry God, be- got-ten, not made,  
be- ing of one sub-stance with the Fa-ther; by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our sal-va-tion came down from hea-ven,  
(*kneel*) and was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Virgin Ma-ry, and was made man;

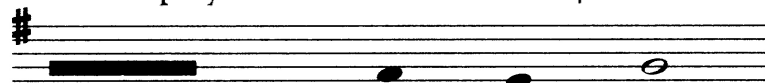


*(stand)* and was cru- ci- fi- ed al- so for us un- der Pon- tius Pi- late;  
 he suf- fer- ed and was bu- ri- ed; and the third day he rose a- gain  
 ac- cor- ding to the Scrip- tures, and as- cend- ed in- to hea- ven, and sit- teth on the  
 right hand of the Fa- ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo- ry, to judge both  
 the quick and the dead; whose king- dom shall have no end. And I be- lieve in the  
 Ho- ly Ghost the Lord, and Gi- ver of Life, who pro- ceed- eth from the Fa- ther and the Son;  
 who with the Fa- ther and the Son to- ge- ther is wor- shipp' d and glo- ri- fi- ed;  
 who spake by the Pro- phets. And I be- lieve one ho- ly Cath- o- lic and A- po- sto-  
 lic Church; I ac- know- ledge one Bap- tism for the re- mis- sion of sins: and I look for  
 the re- sur- rec- tion of the dead, \* and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.

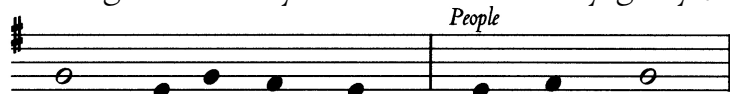




*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (*Silence*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Watch over thy child Mark, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of his life. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

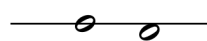
*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



A-men.



## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*People:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

## The Peace

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

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*





## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

### Offertory (*choir*) *Bonum est*

Mode VIII

**I**t is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou Most Highest.

### Motet (*choir*)

Giuseppe Pitoni (d. 1743)

**C**ANTATE DOMINO canticum novum; laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, et filiae Sion exsultent in rege suo.

[O sing unto the Lord a new song; let the congregation of saints praise him. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, and let the daughters of Sion be joyful in their King.] *Ps. 149: 1-2*

### Hymn 656 (*sung by all*)

“Blest are the Pure in Heart”

*Franconia*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.



Presentation of the alms and oblations

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

*Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

**B**ECAUSE in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS · SANCTUS · SANCTUS

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

*All*  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are  
full of thy glo-ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless-ed is  
he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high-est.

The Consecration

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*

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A- men.



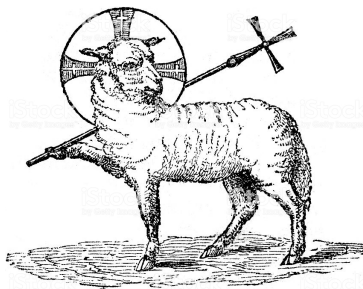
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in- to  
 temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
 and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction

*Celebrant*  
 Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.  
*People*  
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.



Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

*Cantors*  
 [O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,]  
*All* have mer-cy u-pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the  
*All* sins of the world,] have mer-cy u-pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that  
*All* tak-est a-way the sins of the world,] grant us thy peace.



Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E 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 to Communion

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*People:* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Beati mundo corde*

Mode I

**B**LESSED are the pure in heart, for it is they that shall see our God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

*IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

Motet (*choir*)

W. A. Mozart (d. 1791)

*Ave, verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine; vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine; cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

[Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be unto us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the hour of our death.] 14th c., attr. Pope Innocent VI (d.1342)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### The Epiphany Blessing

**M**AY Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

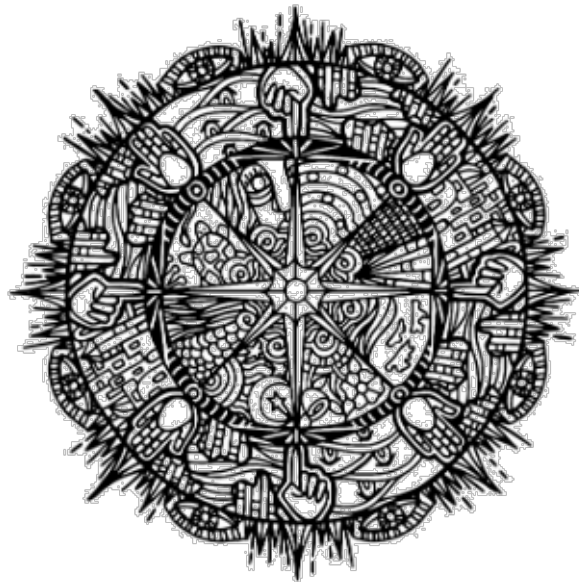
May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.



### The Last Gospel

St. John I:I-I4

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,  
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: Tu quæ genuísti, natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem,  
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

[Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again, to the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before, You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.]



### The Angelus

*Celebrant:* The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

*People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(*Here genuflect*) *Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

(*Here rise*) *People:* And dwelt among us.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*





1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Voluntary: Psalm XIX ~ "The heavens declare the glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello (d. 1739)





## January 30, 2023 – Epiphany 4 (A) Episcopal Service Corps: Empowering Young Leaders for Justice

For more than 20 years, Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) has been built on the belief that change happens when we bring together diverse teams of committed and passionate young leaders and support them as they tackle some of our nation’s most difficult challenges.

ESC empowers young adults, ages 21-32, to transform themselves and the unjust structures that surround us all through community building, local collaboration, prayer, and action.

Joining Episcopal Service Corps means joining a community of people who care about each person as an individual. We invest in knowing each member’s hopes, dreams, challenges, and giftedness, and are dedicated to creating spaces of belonging where each person is accepted for their authentic self.



### What to Expect

*Community-building:* Community is at the heart of ESC. It means committing to coming together regularly to eat, pray, laugh, cry, and practice the type of reconciliation and forgiveness that only happens when we live in proximity.

*Spiritual and Vocational Discernment:* Every program offers formation days to pray, check-in, and discuss topics ranging from theology to vocational planning to social justice.

*Justice-Making:* Every corps deploys by volunteering through local placement sites for at least 32 hours per week. From farming to immigrant outreach and from ministry to community organizing, these opportunities place members in the heart of the community and offer experiential immersion, focused on honing professional skill development and moving forward social justice initiatives.

In Episcopal Service Corps, we do our very best to ensure our corps have structures behind them for a successful year. To that end, every member receives housing, utilities, health coverage, access to mental health resources, as well as small stipends to cover living expenses, transportation, and food.

The ESC application for the 2023-2024 program year is now open and can be found on our website, [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](http://EpiscopalServiceCorps.org). Questions? Contact Wendy Johnson at [esc@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:esc@episcopalchurch.org).

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Please mark your calendars for



THE ANNUAL MEETING of  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

following the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass





# GRACE NOTES

January 29, 2023 *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

## FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

***A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).***

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Molly, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, Chuck, our Vocational Deacon Intern, and Aldon, our Post Seminary Resident.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, and Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Lars, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, Charles, Warren, and Mike.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Mark Lacedonia (Sun.), whose birthday we celebrate this week; and in thanksgiving for the birth of Mary Sophia Pryor to Brian & Stacey Pryor.
- *Sick or in need:* Karen & the Traficanti Family; Pamela; Tom & Elaine; Ken & Adrienne; James; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Stephen & Ratana; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig, & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Nazra; Monica; Antoinette; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Maria; Judy; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Dave; Robert; Jerome; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Diane; Nelda Sue & Larry; Frank; Hugh; Jean; Lesley; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters, including those affected by the pandemic.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Vincent James Tarricone, Dorothy Traficanti, The Rev. Dr. Cyril Burke, Theresa Cervino, all soldiers & civilians killed in war or civil strife, all those who have died from CoVid-19, and in memory of Judy Ervin, Arthur Desrosiers, The Rt. Rev. Bruce Chamberlain, Seraph Root, and The Rev. John H. Findlay.

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 29 *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)

~12:15 p.m.: **ANNUAL MEETING** (potluck lunch)

Monday, January 30 *Charles Stuart, King of England and Scotland, 1649*

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m.: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

Tuesday, January 31 *Feria*

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

Wednesday, February 1 *Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, 523*

9:15 a.m.: Low Mass in the Chapel, followed by breakfast at Effie's

6:00 p.m.: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m.: **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, February 2 *THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE*

8:00 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

Sunday, February 5 *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Septuagesima*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)



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The Sermon on the Mount - by Cosimo Rosselli - from Cappella Sistina, Vatican