

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*“I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming ...  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”*

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

*~ GAUDETE SUNDAY*

December 15, 2024

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**W**ELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**. 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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## *The Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday*

December 15, 2024

Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

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Mass Setting: *Mass of St. John the Baptist*

Walter MacNutt (d. 1996)

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.*

Voluntary: *Veni Emmanuel*, from Three Short Preludes

Edward Bairstow (d. 1946)

### ~~~~~ Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (*choir*) *Gaudete*

Mode I

[*Antiphon*] REJOICE YE in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice ye. Let your moderation be known unto all people: for the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing, nor troubled, but in all things by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. [*Psalms*] Thou hast been gracious to thy land, O Lord, thou hast restored the good fortune of Jacob. 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 (*choir*)

McNutt

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

STIR up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

**S**ING aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

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



The Gradual: Canticle 9; Isaiah 12: 2-6 *Ecce Deus*

Tone III.5

*(Congregation sings the italicized verses; please note the intonation on all verses.)*



BEHÖLD, God is | my salvätion;

*\* I will trust, and not | be afräid.*

FOR THĒ LORD is my | strength and mÿ song,

*\* he also is become my | salvätion.*

THEREFÖRE with joy shall | ye draw wäter

*\* out of the wells of | salvätion.*

AND ÌN that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, | call up^on his Name;

*\* declare his doings among the people;*

*make mention that his Name | is ex^altéd.*

SING ÜNTO the LORD, for he hath done | excellënt things,

*\* as is known | in all ^ the wörlð.*

CRY ÖUT and shout, thou in- | habi^tant ^ of Zion,

*\* for great is the Holy One of Israel in | the midst ^ of thëe.*

The Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-7 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians.

REJOICE in the LORD always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The LORD is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Excita Domine*

Tone VI; v. harm. H. Willan

Cantor: Al- le- lu- ia.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

Choir: STIR UP THY STRENGTH, O LORD: and come and help us.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.



Sequence Hymn 59 (*sung by all*) "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn-ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;  
 4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev- er- last-ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.



The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 3: 7-18 [RSV]

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**H**E said therefore to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the multitudes asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than is appointed you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*all sit*)

The Rev. Deacon Marta S. Rivera Monclova, PhD, *Deacon*



*Cantor**All*

25 Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,  
 26 fa - cto - rem coe - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - - mni - um, et in - vi - si - bi - - li - um.  
 27 Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum,  
 28 et ex Pa - tre na - - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - - cu - la.  
 29 De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro.  
 30 Ge - ni - tum, non fa - - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.  
 31 *p* (Here genuflect) *pp*  
 Qui pro - pter nos ho - mi - nes, et pro - pter no - stram sa - lu - tem de - scen - dit de coe - lis.  
 32 *f* (Here rise)  
 Et in - car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: et ho - mo fa - ctus est.  
 33 Cru - ci - fi - - xus e - ti - am pro no - bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to pas - sus et se - pul - - tus est.  
 35 Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e, se - cun - dum Scri - ptu - ras. Et a - scen - dit in coe - - lum:  
 se - det ad dex - te - ram Pa - - tris. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a

ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.

38 *mf*  
Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum, Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:

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qui ex Pa - tre. Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o

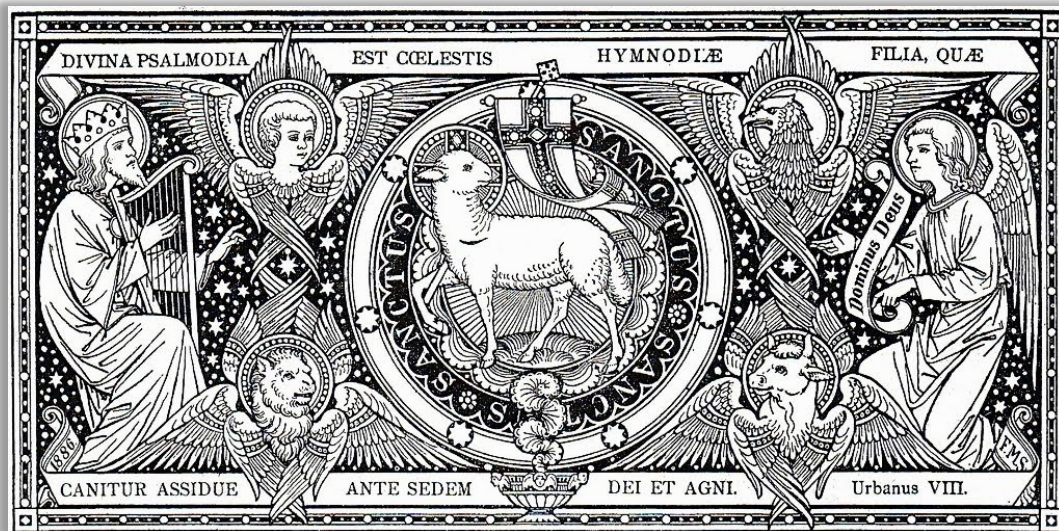
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si - mul a - do - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas.

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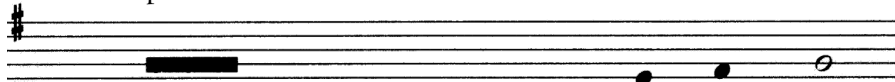
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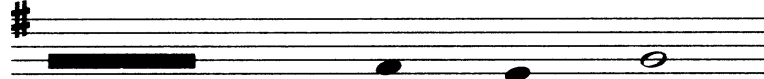
46 *ff*  
A - - - - - men.







*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 *Josh*, 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.

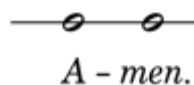
*Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)  
Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*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.

## Comfortable Words

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

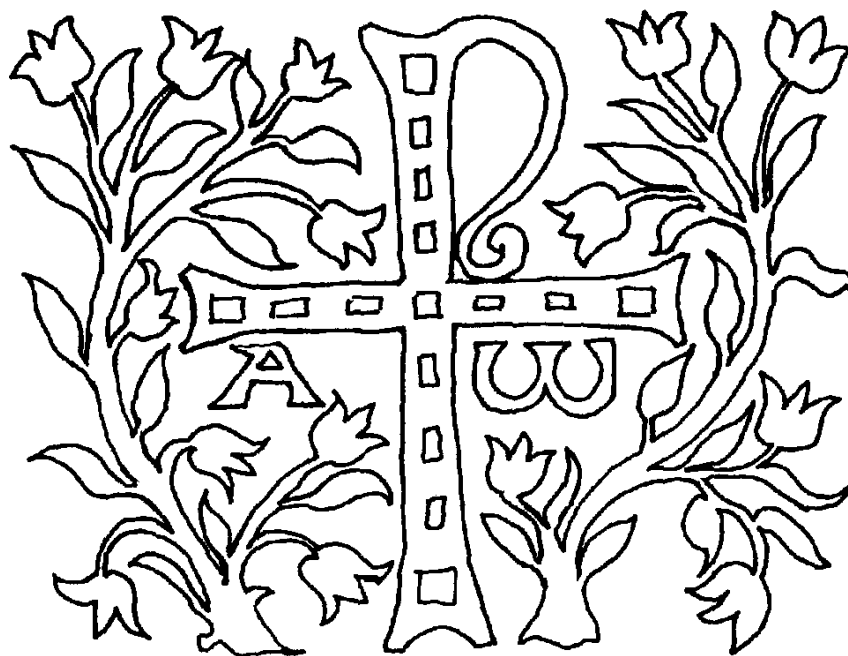
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*  
God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

## 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. *Psalms 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Benedixisti*

Mode IV

**T**HOU hast been gracious, O Lord, unto thy land, thou hast restored the good fortune of Jacob; thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people.



Motet (*choir*)

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**P**EACE be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins: who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All! Revelation 22

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.

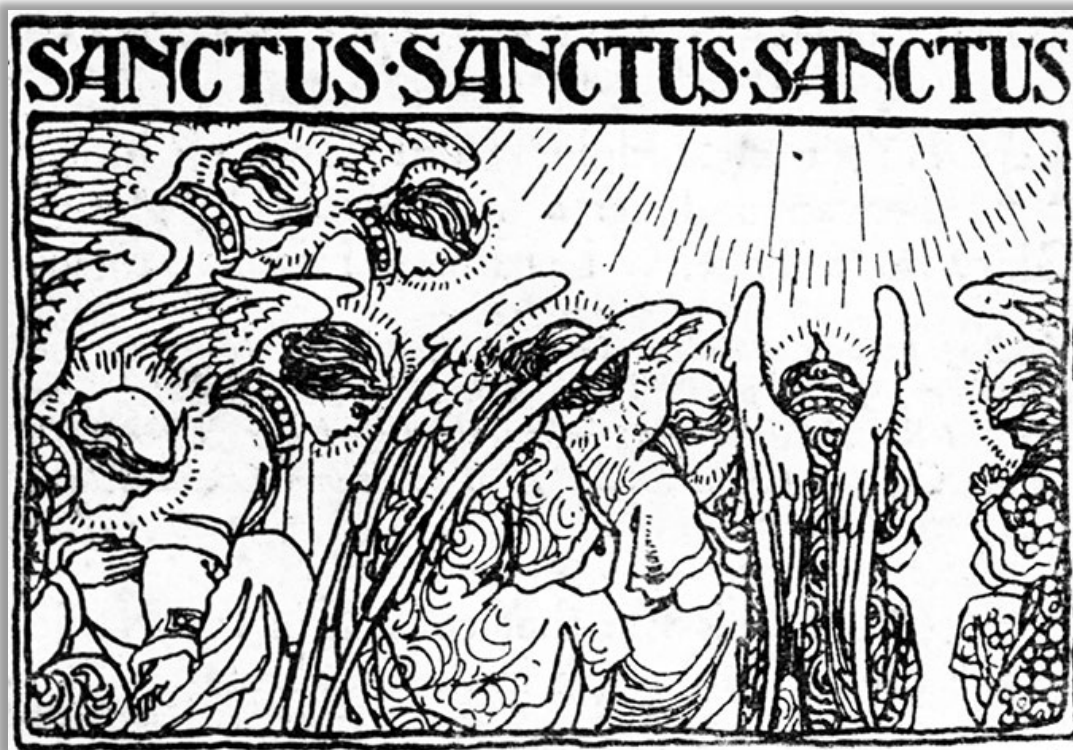
*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

*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 thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 and Benedictus (*choir*)

W. MacNutt

**H**OLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon of the Mass

*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*

—●—○—○—+—  
A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

*(All)*

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 musical score consists of seven staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano-like range. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The Fraction

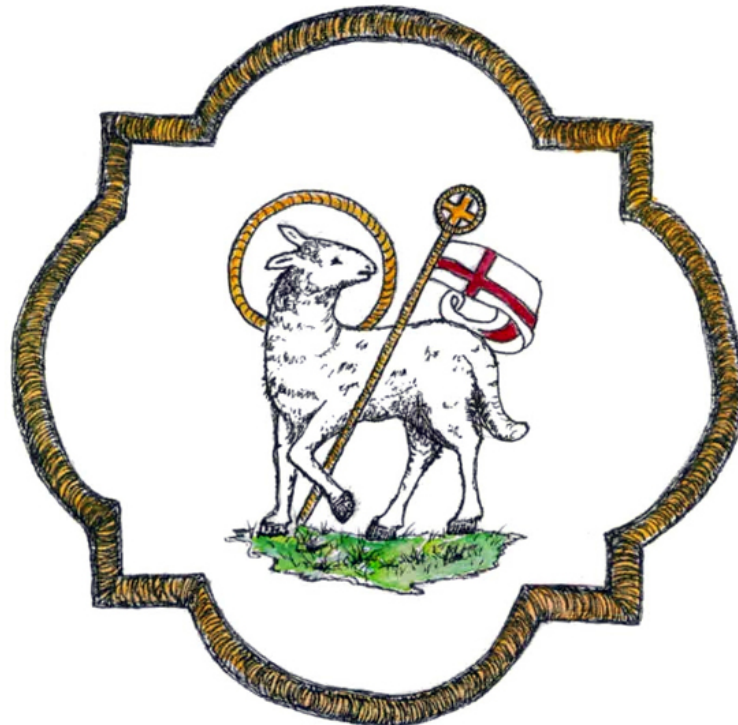
*Celebrant*

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.

The Fraction section contains two musical staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second is for the People. Both are in the same key signature as the Lord's Prayer. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



Agnus Dei (*choir*)

W. MacNutt

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
○ Lamb of God, that takest away 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*) *Dicite pusillanimes*

Mode VII

**S**AY to them that are of a fearful heart: "Be strong and fear not! Behold, here is our God, he comes to save you."

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.*

The Great Antiphons (*choir*)

Come and save us.

- Wisdom, breath of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation:
- Lord of lords and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai:
- Root of Jesse, standing as a signal to the nations, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:
- Key of David and Ruler of the house of Israel, who opens and no one can close, who closes and no one can open:
- radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal light and Sun of justice to those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death:
- King of the nations, the Ruler they long for, the Cornerstone bringing all peoples together:
- Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver, the Anointed of the nations and their Savior:

Come and save us.







ALMA Redemptóris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti, Ásúrgere 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.

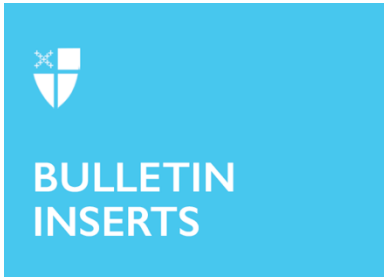
We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

1 O North, with all thy vales of green! O South, with  
 2 Lo, in the clouds of heav'n ap - pears God's well - be -  
 3 O Fa - ther, haste the prom - is'd hour, When at his  
 4 When all shall heed the words he said, A - mid their

all thy palms! From peo - pl'd towns and vales be - tween,  
 lov - ed Son; He brings a train of bright - er years;  
 feet shall lie All rule, au - thor - i - ty, and power  
 dai - ly cares, And by the lov - ing life he led

Up - lift the voice of psalms; Raise, an - cient East, the an - them  
 His king - dom is be - gun. He comes, a guilt - y world to  
 Be - neath the am - ple sky; When he shall reign from pole to  
 Shall seek to pat - tern theirs; And he who con - quer'd death shall

high, And let the youth - ful West re - ply.  
 bless With mer - cy, truth, and right - eous - ness.  
 pole, The Lord of ev - 'ry hu - man soul:  
 win The migh - tier con - quest o - ver sin.



**December 15, 2024 – Advent 3 (C)**  
**Third Week of Advent: Journeying with Community**

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that includes the community. The witness of Zechariah and Elizabeth who bring infant John to the Temple to be circumcised reminds us of the importance of our faith community to sustaining the Way of Love. Just as the community did for John’s family, communities provide a place for discernment, sometimes challenging us and other times affirming us. Communities celebrate and mark important moments along the journey.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

**Sunday, December 15**  
**WORSHIP**

Imagine the faces you’d like to see at church — an all-star list of folks you want to worship with. This could be people you know from summer camp when you were a kid, people who might have already died, people you work with — all your favorites. Commit to pray for those folks this week. And make a commitment to ask one of your all-stars to come to church with you in the next month.

**Monday, December 16**  
**PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 3, found on page 212 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. How will prayer guide you through the rest of the week? Set aside special time today to focus your intentions on stirring up peace and spreading joy.

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**TURN**

Turn away from the busyness of the world right now. Turn your heart and mind toward giving thanks for this time of reflection, refreshment, and renewal.

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**BLESS**

Spend a significant amount of time today discerning if there is a special blessing or gift you can share with your church, a local ministry, or with your community.

Ask God to inspire and equip you with the fortitude and tools to make this gift something truly memorable and heartfelt.

**Thursday, December 19**  
**REST**

Spend at least 45 minutes outside today, without doing yard work or fixing lights or redoing bows on the garland. Take some time to just sit outside and let the air wash over you, taking away the stress and worry of the moment. Read Psalm 100 before and after your outside time. See how this psalm may help you rest and recharge your spirit.



**Friday, December 20**  
**GO**

Read or watch your local news. Ask God to open your heart and eyes to ways you can promote reconciliation and healing in your community.

**Saturday, December 21**  
**LEARN**

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

PLEASE JOIN US!

# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Silent meditation in the Church,  
with short prayers to open and close.

**5:30-6:30pm, Wednesdays in Advent: Dec 4, 11, 18**  
**Drop in at any time & stay as long as you like**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is a traditional practice of spending time with Christ, embodied in the Eucharist, in silence and contemplation. The time will open and close with simple prayers, and a booklet of suggested personal devotions will be provided. Please feel free to enter or leave quietly at any time during the hour, and stay as long (or as short) as you like.



# Grace at Christmas



## CHRISTMAS EVE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**8:00 P.M. MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WITH CAROLS OF THE SEASON**

for choir and congregation by candlelight

**8:30 P.M. SOLEMN HIGH MASS**

Also streamed on Facebook Live:

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## CHRISTMAS DAY



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**10:00 A.M. LOW MASS WITH HYMNS**

Also streamed on Facebook Live:

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# GRACE NOTES

December 15 *The Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday*

## 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, and please contact her immediately, should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she 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; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our deacon.
- *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; St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; and those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely & the oppressed. *The Anglican Church of Tanzania.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Josh Rowland (Tue.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Debra; David; Neil; Kenneth T., Mary & Ken J.L.; Lea & the Rivera Family; Mark; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Megin; Walter & Claudia; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Antoinette; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Brad & Mary; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Nina; Ellen and Jim; Lauren, Alexandra & Anna; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Jerry Holmes, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Fred Morhardt, Sr., Eugene Michaud, Wallace Aitcheson, and Kathleen Phillips.

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7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

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

**Friday, December 20** *Advent Feria*

10:00 a.m.: Vestry Meeting in Nason Hall

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Sunday, December 22** *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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



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**Tuesday, December 31, 6 p.m.  
Grace Church**

55 New Park Ave

First Evensong of  
Holy Name

Watch Night

The Haven Schola (which is open to all) will start the evening with candlelit Evensong

With our guest homily, we will shift into congregational hymnsing with prayers for justice and peace



**Community Dinner and (more!) singing to follow**

*Feel free—but not obligated!—to bring a dish to share*

After dinner, caravan to St Monica's for more Watch Night at 10!