

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor  
on the lowliness  
of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all  
generations will  
call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done  
great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those  
who fear him from  
generation to generation.

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 22, 2024

Service Program for the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass  
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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 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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Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

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Mass Setting: *Missa Advenio*

Plainsong, 10th c.

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

Voluntary: *Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn*

Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750)



### Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (*choir*) *Rorate coeli*

Mode I

[*Antiphon*] DROP DOWN, YE HEAVENS, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open and blossom forth a Savior. [*Psalm*] The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork. 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*)

*Missa Advenio*

The musical score for the Kyrie eleison consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a melodic line with lyrics: "(3x)Ky ri - e e le - i - son. (3x)Christe". Above the staff, the word "Cantor" is written above the first measure, and "All" is written above the second measure. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "e - - - le - i - son. (2x)Ky ri - e e - - - le - i - son." Above this staff, "All" is written above the first measure, "Cantor" above the second measure, and "All" above the third measure. The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "(1x)Ky - ri - e e - - - le - i - son." Above this staff, "Cantor" is written above the first measure, and "All" is written above the second measure. The music is written in a simple, plainsong style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5: 2-5a [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Micah.

YOU, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

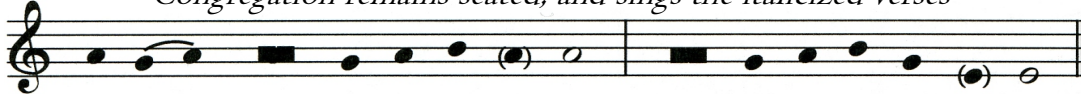
*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 80

*Qui regis Israel*

Tone IV.4

*Congregation remains seated, and sings the italicized verses*



- 1 HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph | like a flock;  
*\* show thyself also, thou that sittest | upon the Che-ru^bim.*
- 2 *Before Ephraim, Benjamin | and Manasseh,*  
*\* stir up thy strength | and come and help us.*
- 3 Turn us a- | gain, O God;  
*\* show us the light of thy countenance | and we shall be whole.*
- 4 O LORD | God of hosts,  
*\* how long wilt thou be angry with thy | people that prayeth?*
- 5 Thou feedest them with the | bread of tears,  
*\* and givest them plenteous- | ness of tears to drink.*
- 6 *Thou hast made us a very strife un- | to our neighbours,*  
*\* and our ene- | mies laugh us to scorn.*
- 7 Turn us again, thou | God of hosts;  
*\* show the light of thy countenance, | and we shall be whole.*

The Epistle: Hebrews 10: 5-10 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

WHEN CHRIST came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

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



Choir: COME, O LORD, make no long tarrying: deliver thy people from their misdeeds.

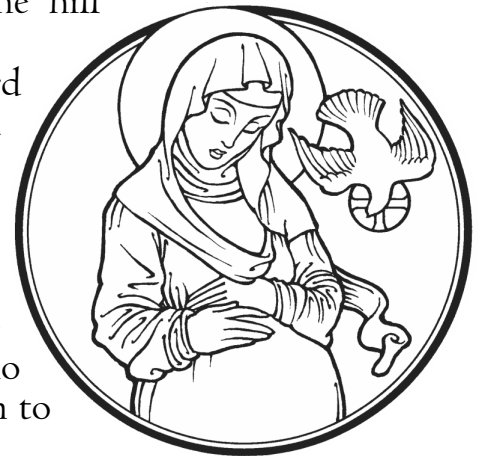


The Holy Gospel: St. Luke I: 39-55 [RSV]

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

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

**I**N those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said,



"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,  
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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:

39  
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.

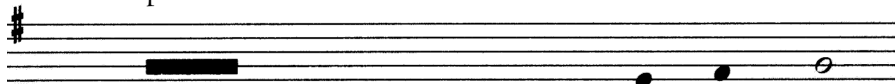
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Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam, et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.

43  
Con - fi - te - or u - num ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.

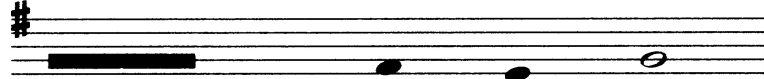
44  
Et ex - pe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum. Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.

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

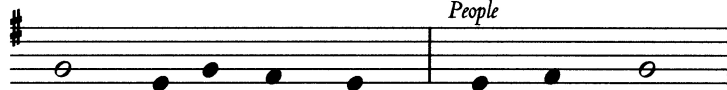




*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



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 children *Kenneth & Nadia*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of their lives. *(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. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Ave, Maria*

Mode VIII

**H**AIL Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women,  
**H**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.



Carol (*choir*)

Besancon carol tune, Arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

**P**EOPLE, LOOK EAST; the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able: trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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 (*sung by all*)

*Missa Advenio*

9 *Cantor* *All*  
*f* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,

13  
 Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry:

15  
 Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

17 *Cantor*  
*p* Bles-sed is he that co - meth in the Name of the Lord:

19 *All*  
 Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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.

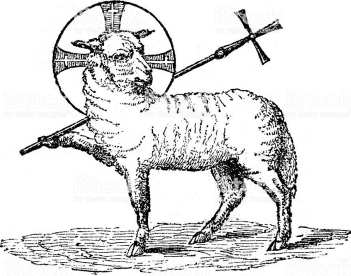
The Fraction

*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*)

*Missa Advenio*

21 *Cantor* *All*

(2x) O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

24 *Cantor* *All*

(1x) O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation 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*) *Ecce virgo concipiet*

Mode I

**B**EHOLD, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

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.*



*Ecce virgo concipiet*

~ Salvador Dali

An Advent Prose (*choir*)

Mode I; arr. J. H. Arnold, 1933

*[Antiphon]* Drop down, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. *[Prose]* Be not wroth, very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us because of our iniquities. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me. I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people: my salvation shall not tarry; I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions; fear not, for I will save thee, for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Isaiah 40-64 passim





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.*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Voluntary: O come, Emmanuel (Variations on an Advent Hymn)

Daniel Pinkham (d. 2006)





**December 22, 2024 – Advent 4 (C)**  
**Fourth Week of Advent: Journeying in the World**

As we come closer to the joy and promise of the Incarnation, we invite you to continue journeying the Way of Love. Consider this week which of the seven practices captured your imagination this Advent. Which challenged you or brought the most joy? Where did you find blessings or cross boundaries? Where is God calling you to witness to salvation being birthed into the world today?

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 22**

**WORSHIP**

Linger before leaving your worship time today. How is God calling you to hear and sing along with Mary's Song? Read Luke 1:39-55.

**Monday, December 23**

**PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 4, found on page 212 in The Book of Common Prayer. Pick three or four of your beloveds to focus your prayers on today. Make sure to leave some silent space for God to offer you some wisdom about what they may need right now.

**Tuesday, December 24**

**REST**

The conventional wisdom is that new parents should rest when the baby is resting. Make sure you take some time out to rest with Baby Jesus — and marvel in the wonder of a fresh, new, clean, shiny, tiny, precious start. Take a nap and thank God for the gift of Jesus and for peace at Christmas.



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*



# 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**

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# GRACE NOTES

December 22 *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## 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. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children & all ECCT ministries for children at risk. *The Church of the Province of Uganda.*
- *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 Kenneth Brown (Wed.), and Nadia Holmes (Fri.), whose birthdays 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 Ronald Merriman, Daphne Ross, Claire Hébert, and Catherine Brown, in whose memory the sanctuary candle is given *(by Adrienne and Kenneth Brown)*.

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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)

~12:00 noon: **THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

Tuesday, December 24

✧ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ✧

### THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

8:00 p.m. Musical Prelude with Carols of the Season for Choir and Congregation  
(also on Facebook Live)

8:30 p.m. Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by reception

Wednesday, December 25 *THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*

✧ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ✧

10:00 a.m.: Low Mass with Hymns (also on Facebook Live)

Friday, December 27 *SAINT JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST*

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

Sunday, December 29 *The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

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

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

Watch Night

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!