

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*The Second Sunday of Advent*

December 8, 2024

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**W**ELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE SECOND 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.

Propers of Year C

Mass Setting: *Missa Advenio*

Plainsong, 10th c.

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

Voluntary: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750)

### Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (choir) *Populus Sion*

Mode VII

[*Antiphon*] PEOPLE OF ZION, behold, the Lord shall come to redeem the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of his voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. [*Psalm*] O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O guide of the flock of Joseph. 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 is written on three staves of music. 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. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: e - - - le - i - son. (2x)Ky ri - e e - - - le - i - son. The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics: (1x)Ky - ri - e e - - - le - i - son. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'Cantor' and 'All' and repeat signs.



The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**M**ERCIFUL GOD, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

**S**EE, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

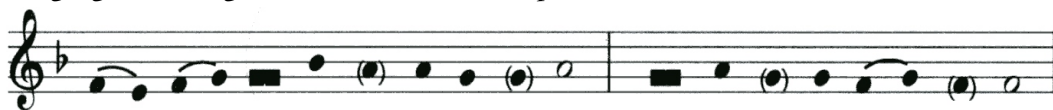
*People’s Response:* Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Luke I: 68-79

*Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel*

Tone VII.5

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



- 1 BLËSSËD be the Lord | God of Is<sup>^</sup>ra-el;  
\* *for he hath visited and re- / deem'd his pëople;*
- 2 ÄND HÄTH raised up a mighty sal- / vation for us,  
\* *in the house of his / servant Dävid;*
- 3 ÄS HË spake by the mouth of his | holy prophets,  
\* *which have | been since ^ the wörlð be-^gan;*
- 4 THÄT WË should be savèd | from our e-^nemies,  
\* *and from the hand of | all that häte us;*
- 5 TÖ PËRform the mercy promisèd to our | fore-(—)fathers  
\* *and to remember his | holy cöven^ant;*
- 6 TÖ PËRform the oath which he sware to our | fore-fa-^ther A^braham,  
\* *that | he would give us:*
- 7 THÄT WË being deliver'd out of the | hand of ^ our e^nemies  
\* *might | serve him ^ with-öut fear;*
- 8 ÆNHÖliness and righteous- / ness before him,  
\* *all the | days of öur life.*
- 9 ÄND THÖU child shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest,  
\* *for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord to ^ pre-päre his ^ ways;*
- 10 TÖ GÏVE knowledge of salvation | unto ^ his people  
\* *for the re- / mission ^ of their sins,*
- 11 THROÜGH THË tender | mercy of ^ our God;  
\* *whereby the Dayspring from on high hath | vi-si-tèd us;*
- 12 TÖ GÏVE light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow of death,  
\* *and to guide our feet | into ^ the wäy of ^ peace.*

The Epistle: Philippians I: 3-II [NRSV]

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

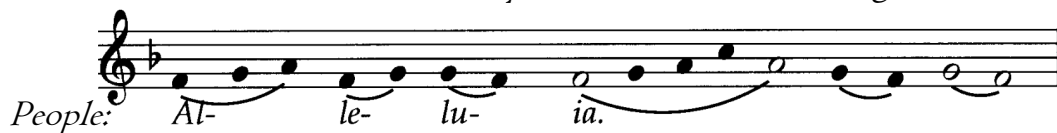
*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Laetatus sum*

Tone VI



Choir: I WAS GLAD when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.



The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 3: 1-6 [RSV]

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

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

IN the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*all sit*)

Sr. Gregory Simmons, *Haven Religious*

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

41  
si - mul a - do - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas.

42  
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.

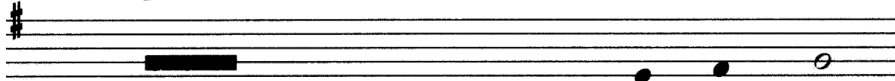
46 *ff*  
A - - - - - men.



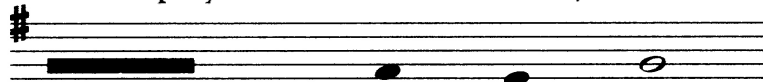


The Prayers of the People

Form IV



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 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: 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.

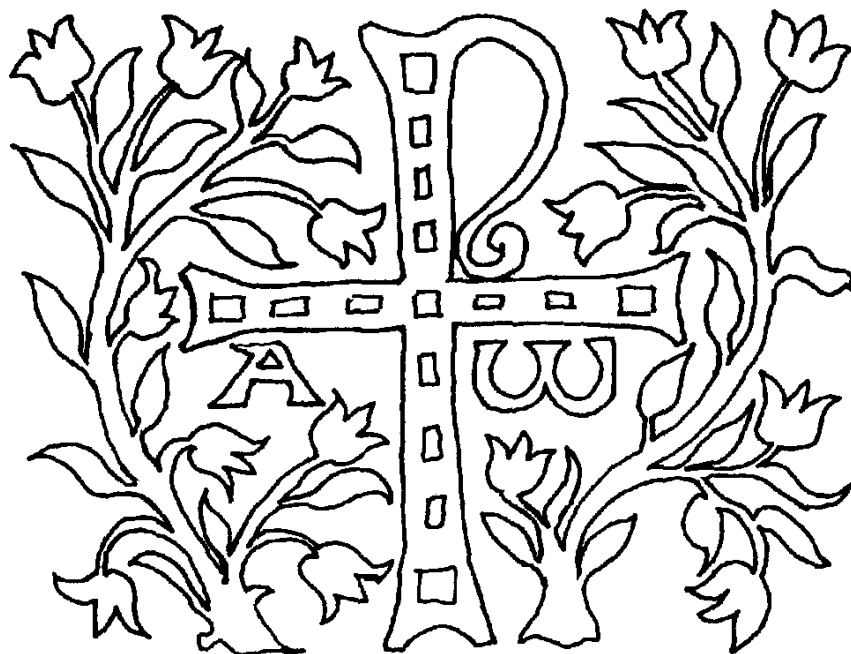
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*  
God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

## 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*) *Deus, tu convertens*

Mode III

**W**ILT thou not turn again, O God, and give us life, that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show unto us, O Lord, thy loving mercy, and grant unto us thy salvation.

Hymn 76 (*sung by all*)

"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

*Winchester New*

Presentation of the alms and oblations

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord,

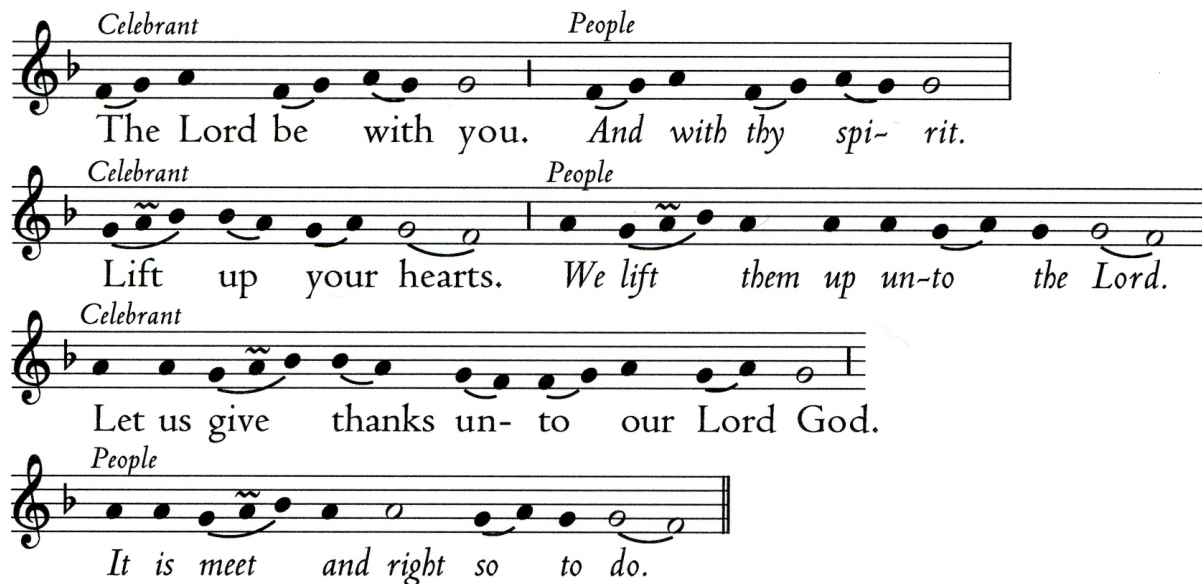
*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

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,*

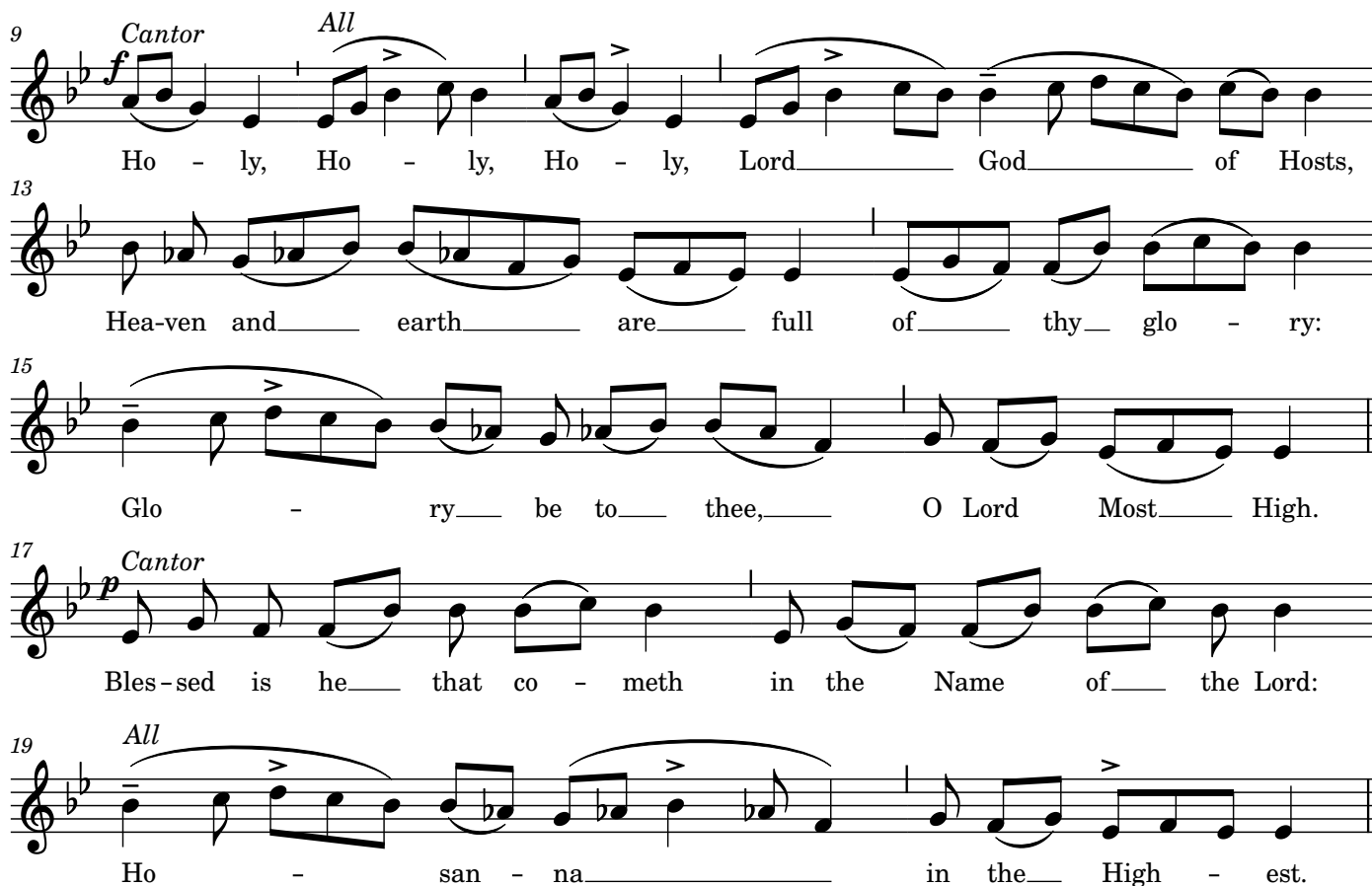
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

**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,

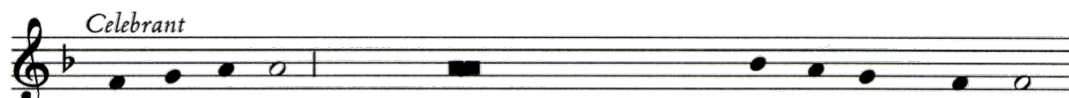
*(All)*



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.

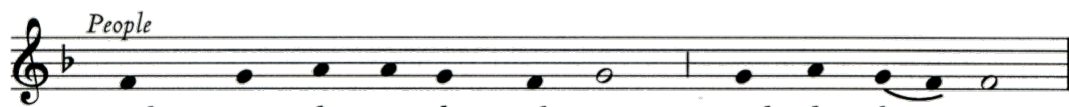
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*Celebrant*

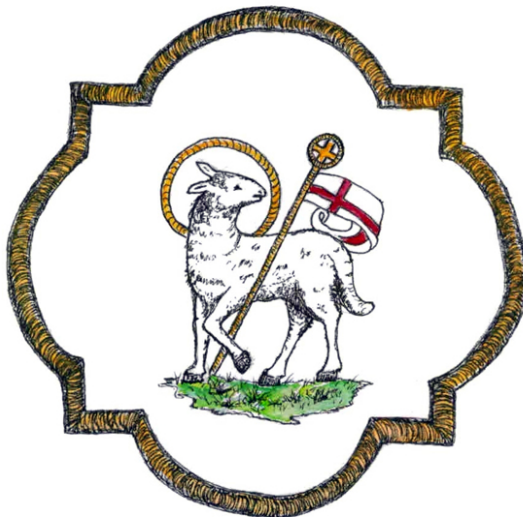


Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.

*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.

**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*) *Jerusalem, surge*

Mode II

**J**ERUSALEM, ARISE! and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God thy Savior.

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.*



Anthem (*choir*)

Charles Wood (d. 1926)

**O** thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin; our nature all shall feel eternal day in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.

H. R. Bramley





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.

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.*



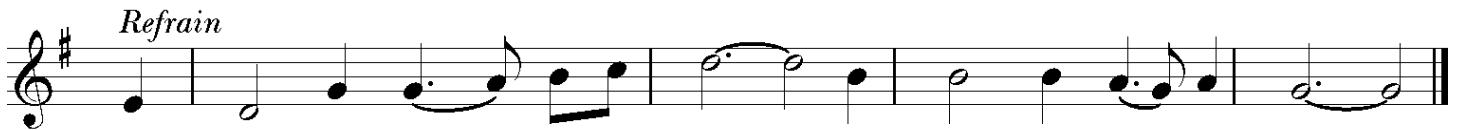
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Voluntary: Prelude in G minor

Gabriel Pierné (d. 1937)



*Saint John the Baptist Preaching ~ Follower of Vincenzo Foppa (possibly Nicolo da Varallo)*





## BULLETIN INSERTS

### December 8, 2024 – Advent 2 (C) Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

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 8

##### **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

Mary, helping her to understand her part in God’s story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

#### Monday, December 9

##### **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

#### Thursday, December 12

##### **REST**

Set aside 30 minutes to spend in silence with your best friend today. Sure, it may feel a little weird to be silent on the phone or while sitting next to each other on the couch or across the table. Just give it a try. Make sure to set aside time after your silence to pray for each other and to say thanks for the time of rest.

#### Tuesday, December 10

##### **TURN**

Do you have amends or apologies or adjustments you need to make? Ask God to open your heart and mind to those opportunities for reconciliation and growth. Thank God for the gifts of mercy and love, and the courage to make the changes necessary. And then do your best, with God’s help, to make those changes.

#### Friday, December 13

##### **GO**

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

#### Wednesday, December 11

##### **BLESS**

We know that angels are God’s special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with

#### Saturday, December 14

##### **LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

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.



Join us for an ADVENT study of writings from women mystics and passages from Scripture, concluding with an ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT meal on December 13th.





# 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/GECHartford>



## 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 8 *The Second 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. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; ministries for the homeless, parishes that offer temporary or permanent shelter; Chapel on the Green, New Haven; and Church by the Pond. *Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.*
- *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 Celeste Rodriguez (Thu.), 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 & Rapaël; 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 Edward Klemonski, Michael Icaza, Bill Jensen, and Oswald Francis.

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***THIS WEEK AT GRACE***

**Sunday, December 8 *The Second Sunday of Advent***

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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

**Tuesday, December 10 *Advent Feria***

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Wednesday, December 11 *Advent Feria***

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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

**Thursday, December 12 *Jane Frances de Chantal, 1641***

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

**Friday, December 13**

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

6:00 p.m.: **Advent Bible Study ~ WOMEN, MYSTICS & SCRIPTURE**

**Saturday, December 14 *John of the Cross; Common of a Theologian and Teacher***

10:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.: **"A PLACE OF GRACE" CHRISTMAS GIFT DISTRIBUTION**

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

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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



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