

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3rd, 2023



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 10:00AM

This service bulletin is provided to guide you through our worship, which begins on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns and chants are listed with the “#” symbol and can be found in the blue book, The Hymnal 1982.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Prelude on “Veni Emmanuel” *Leo Sowerby*
(1895 - 1968)

The people stand as they are able.

Processional Hymn #59 “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” *Merton*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymnal #S91 “Lord, have mercy upon us” *Healey Willan*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil--
 to make your name known to your adversaries,
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
 From ages past no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived,
 no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who works for those who wait for him.
 You meet those who gladly do right,
 those who remember you in your ways.
 But you were angry, and we sinned;
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.
 We have all become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
 We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
 There is no one who calls on your name,
 or attempts to take hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
 and do not remember iniquity forever.
 Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

Music: plainsong - Tone VIII.1

(cantor and all alternate at the half verse beginning with the cantor)

(Nathan Kloczko, cantor)



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh, *
stir up your strength and / come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O / God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD / God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers / of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears; *
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, *
and our ene/mies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O / God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand, *
the son of man you have made / so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a/way from you; *
give us life, that we may call / upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord / God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:3–9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Hymn #53

“Once he came in blessing”

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24–37)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Rite I: Glory be to thee, O Lord.]

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the
Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time
will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house
will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may
find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep
awake.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

[Rite I: Praise be to thee, O Christ.]

The people sit.

The Sermon**Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*The people stand as they are able.***Prayers of the People***The Prayers of the People are adapted from Common Worship of the Church of England.*

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations his scepter of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, especially Caryne, Pat, Levi and Ed, Judy, Geri, and Francis; let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our loving God:

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution*(BCP360)**The people stand as they are able.***The Peace**

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

People: And also with you.*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.***Announcements****THE OFFERTORY***We welcome your financial support of the ministries of Grace Episcopal Church. You may give online by using this code:***Offertory Music**

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Words: 7th century Office Hymn trans. J. M. Neale (altd.)

Music: Mode iv melody arr. John Scott (1956 – 2015)

(Grace Choir)

Creator of the stars of night, thy people’s everlasting light,
 O Jesu, Savior of us all, regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die,
 Didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heav’nly grace.

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide,
 Proceeding from a virgin shrine, The Song of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great Name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 And all things in heav’n and earth shall own, That thou art Lord and King alone.

To thee, O holy One, we pray, Our judge in that tremendous day,
 Preserve us, while we dwell below, From ev’ry onslaught of the foe.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, Whose advent sets thy people free,
 Whom with the Father we adore, And Spirit blest, for evermore.

Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able as the offerings are presented.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus Hymnal #S114 *Healey Willan*

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #S119

Sung by all.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. We welcome all baptized Christians to receive communion. If you would prefer not to receive, you may come forward to the altar rail, crossing your arms on your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.

Communion will be distributed from the aisle. Please keep your mask on and maintain social distance while in the queue. The host will be placed in your hands; please step away from the clergy before removing your mask to consume the host.

Fraction Anthem Hymnal #S158 Agnus Dei *Healey Willan*

Communion Music Meditation on "Conditor Alme Siderum" *John G. Barr*
(b. 1938)

Communion Hymn #672 "O very God of very God" *Bangor*

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365

The Advent Blessing

The people respond "Amen" to each portion of the blessing.

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn #61 “Sleepers wake!’ A voice astounds us” *Wachet auf*

Postlude ”Gottes Sohn ist kommen” *Johann Heinrich Buttstett*
(1666 - 1727)

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Please join us in Vilas Hall after the service for coffee and conversations.



GRACE
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**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Family Service
*(Meditation for children
at the creche.)*

9:15pm: Candlelight Vigil
(with Choir and Carols)

10:00pm: Festival Eucharist
(with incense)

Christmas Day

10:00am: Feast of the Nativity

WHAT'S HAPPENING *at & around* GRACE CHURCH

Happy Birthday to...

<i>Richard Brown</i>	<i>December 1</i>
<i>Pam Teige</i>	<i>December 5</i>
<i>Frank Cook</i>	<i>December 5</i>
<i>Amy Serig</i>	<i>December 6</i>
<i>Edith-Marie Green</i>	<i>December 6</i>
<i>Rich Fries</i>	<i>December 6</i>
<i>Peter Krug</i>	<i>December 9</i>
<i>Amy Robinson</i>	<i>December 9</i>
<i>Fr. John Francis</i>	<i>December 9</i>

Land Acknowledgement to the Ho-Chunk People

We honor and acknowledge the Ho-Chunk people, the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to the Ho-Chunk elders, past, present, and future, who call this land on which we gather their home. We appreciate their wisdom, their culture, and their presence among us today as the host people of this land. We lament the injustices done to the original inhabitants and the injustices done to this land in the centuries since. We seek the courage and wisdom to heal the wounds of the past and build a better future together, in deep solidarity.

Lessons and Carols: December 10th at 10:00am

Please join us for Grace's annual Advent lessons and Carols. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, join us in-person or online for this popular seasonal service. Readings from Holy Scripture, hymns and carols, and choral music proclaim the coming of the Promised One. Music will include Introit for Second Sunday of Advent – plainsong; “Adam Lay Ybounden” - Cooman; “Lo, How a

Weekly Calendar 12/3–12/9

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 am Coffee Hour I

9:45 am Children's Church (*Lower Level*)

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II,

11:15 am Coffee Hour with St.

Nicholas (*Vilas Hall*)

Wednesday, December 6th

12:10 pm Noon Eucharist
(*Nave*)

Rose E'er Blooming” - Praetorius; “He Shall Feed His Flock” from Messiah - Handel; “Locus Iste” - Bruckner; “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” - Goudimel; “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day – Gardner; “Zion Hears the Watchmen Sing” – Bach; and others.

Christmas Flowers for the Homebound

Next Sunday, December 10th, plants and accompanying cards will be available for pick-up at the rear of the church, at each of the services.

If you have volunteered, please stop by (the table at the rear of the Nave) and pick up your parcel. Your delivery should be made prior to Christmas.

Any questions, text or call me at 608-800-9884, or e-mail teigep125@gmail.com

Please contact the recipient beforehand, so you can schedule a time that works best for each of you.

Thank you.

- Pam Teige”

8:00am Service Minister

Lector: Jim Miller

10:00am Service Ministers

Acolytes: Jeremy Schuurmans

Altar Guild: Reitha Johnson, Barb Karlen

Lectors: Deb Anken-Dyer, Lin Jenkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Ramsay, Tom Dale

Healing Prayer Team: Georgeanne Cusic, Eileen Hocker

Ushers: Barb Karlen, Linda Krug, Thomas Smith, Shelley Hansen-Blake, Georgeanne Cusic, Marshall Cusic

Tellers: Sarah Messer, Amy Robinson

Nursery: Grace, Paula

To Parents of Our Children,

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in His House. All are welcome here at Grace! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the service, sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses together. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying YOU! If you have to leave with your child, feel free to do so. But please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me." Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, and to one another.

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