GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LESSONS & CAROLS NOVEMBER 27, 2022



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMNAL 56

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Celebrant Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

> But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this City of Brunswick.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know the love of Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

People

Amen.

Please he seated

Welcome to Grace, we're glad you are here!

If you have any questions, our ushers, greeters and members are here to help, don't hesitate to ask!

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THE FIRST LESSON GENESIS 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Lector Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Please stand if you are able

CAROL.

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT (verses 1-3)

HYMNAL 60

Please be seated

THE SECOND LESSON ISAIAH 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption

Lector Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Please stand if you are able

CAROL.

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

HYMNAL 65

Please be seated

THE THIRD LESSON

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts

Lector The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Please stand if you are able

CAROL.

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

HYMNAL 66

Please be seated

THE FOURTH LESSON ISAIAH 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

Lector The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

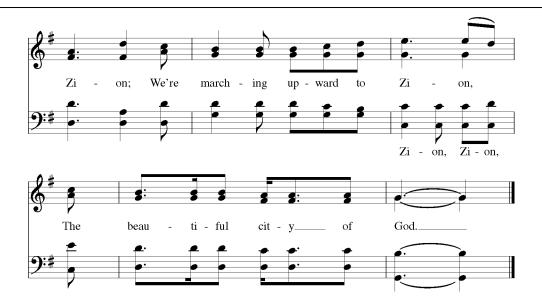
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CAROL

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION (verses 1, 3, 4)

LIFT EVERY VOICE 12





Please be seated

THE FIFTH LESSON ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing

Lector Sing 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.

CAROL On Jordan's Stormy Banks

LIFT EVERY VOICE 9





THE 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE SIXTH LESSON LUKE 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

Celebrant In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

A Period of silence is kept

Please stand if you are able

CAROL.

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME!

HYMNAL 54

A COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming:

grant that we, who with Joy receive your only begotten Son as our Redeemer,

may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, in a safety conscious manner, such as waving or peace signs.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

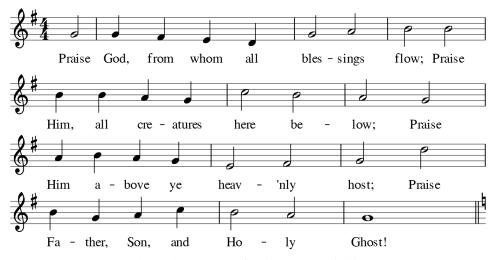
COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

HYMNAL 67

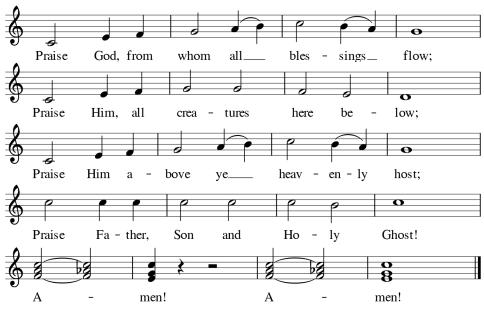
PRESENTATION HYMN

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung to Two Tunes)

Please stand if you are able.



(Second Tune, sung after the organ interlude)



First tune: Old 100th, Public Domain; Second Tune: New Doxology, Public Domain. Arranged by David L.M. Gunning, Jr.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,

and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son,

born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS DEUTSCHE MESSE

HYMNAL S130

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption,

and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, God of Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Celebrant Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ,

that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,

from generation to generation.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

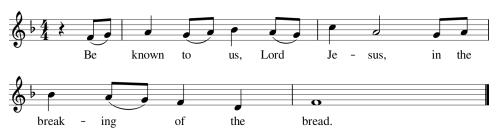
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



The cantor or choir sing the verses

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
- 2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



All are welcome to come forward and receive the Body of Christ. Simply come forward, and when it is your turn extend your arms, resting one hand on top of the other. If you would rather not receive, you can still come forward to receive a blessing. Just cross your arms across your chest and the clergy will bless you.

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COMMUNION HYMN

COME, THOU REDEEMER OF THE EARTH

The choir sings the first two verses, the congregation joins on the remaining verses

1 Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth; let ev'ry age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.

2 Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou are still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us Pray.

People

Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness

from before your path; And the blessing of God Almighty:

♣ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

HYMNAI. 57

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon, and Al Horton, postulant to the Vocational Diaconate.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, we pray for Church of the Epiphany, Odenton; St. Alban's, Glen Burnie; St. Margaret', Annapolis; and for the Rev.'s Neva W. Brown, Nathan A. Erdman, Sharon L Watts, and R. Margarita Santana.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Denise Hall.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Stacey Cendrowski, in celebration of the Advent Graceaversaries!

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

Those With Recent Needs: The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; The Generazio Family; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Art & Dawn Reid, Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; John Ell; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum.

Those With Ongoing Needs: Kate Jauch; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Chuck Szuberla; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Abby & Tom Kahn; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Larry Hogan (MD) and Glenn Youngkin (VA); and Mayors Nathan Brown (Brunswick) and Nate Fontaine (Lovettsville). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEC 18 | THE GREAT GRACE SWEET SWAP

Do you like to make/bake Christmas treats, but find it hard to find outlets for your bounty? Do you love to indulge in Christmas treats, but are not a baker? Well...we've got both covered! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18th. We'll host a special Fellowship Hour devoted to Christmas treats after our worship service! Be on the lookout for more info, in the coming weeks.

DEC 21 | THE LONGEST NIGHT

Join us **Wednesday**, **December 21 at 5pm** for a service of The Longest Night, for those whose joy and expectation are overshadowed by the pain of loss many experience during this season, when the world's merriment puts their grief and sorrow in stark relief. We will gather for a short service of candle-lighting, remembrance and prayer.

COMING UP AT GRACE

11/30	Wed	7:00pm	AA "Double Dippers" Meeting	Undercroft
12/13	Tue	6:30pm	The St. Luke Artisan and Crafters Guild	Undercroft
12/18	Sun	12:15pm	The Great Grace Sweet Swap	Undercroft
12/21	Tue	5:00pm	The Longest Night Service	Nave
12/24	Sat	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Nave
12/25	Sun		Christmas Day: No Service	
1/1	Sun	11:00am	Christmas Lessons & Carols	Nave

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