

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

HYMNAL 59

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

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.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE SECOND CANDLE

Celebrant On this second Sunday of Advent,
we light a candle for peace and pray for
the courage to stand up for it. We ask, O God,
that as the waiting and expectation heighten
that you would deepen our desire for peace.
Like the wise called to journey in those early
dawning days, may we seek, strive, search for peace.
Like the prophets old and new,
may we cry out for its coming.
People **We light a candle for peace, may it light the way.**

**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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SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE	Cary Brown
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Hallett Virginia Danner
CANTOR	---
CHALICIST	Dcn. Kathleen
FELLOWSHIP	Kathy Brown
GREET/USHER	Pat Zupka
LECTOR	Carmen Lescure
LIVESTREAM	Kathy Brown
TELLER	Brian Reid ---

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously ***
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

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- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever, *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory!
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

Lector A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (*verses 1 & 2*)

HYMNAL 56

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight’.”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE REV. EDIE HOLTON

THE NICENE CREED

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

People **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon 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

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources
rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

Celebrant Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your people, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Then all are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

"SLEEPERS, WAKE!" A VOICE ASTOUNDS US

HYMNAL 61

PRESENTATION HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER, *verse 4*

Please stand if you are able.



What ____ can I give him, poor ____ as I am?

If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet

what I can I give him give ____ my ____ heart.

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

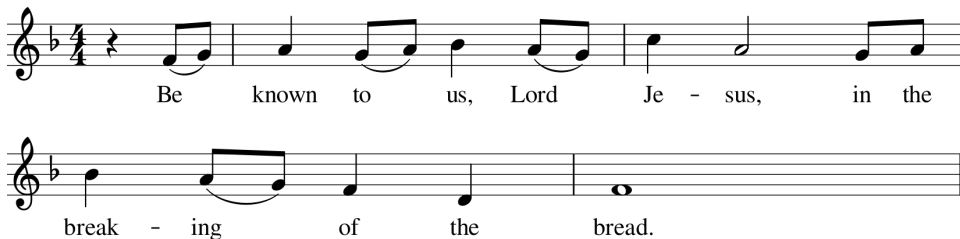
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.



COMMUNION HYMN

HARK! THE GLAD SOUND!

HYMNAL 71

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

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED

HYMNAL 616

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 St. Andrew's, Pasadena; St. Philip's, Annapolis; St. Martin's in the Field, Severna Park; and for the Rev.'s Carolyn E. Buser, Angela E. Furlong, Charity A. Humm, Scott E. Rieker, and Herschel VonEdward Wade III

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Pat Hallett.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Brett Brenner, in thanksgiving for our Grace family.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

Those With Recent Needs: Peg Jung; 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

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

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