First Sunday of Advent

Grace Episcopal Church

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November 29, 2020

Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones.

Prelude

Procession "The King Shall Come" Hymn 73
(Not sung)

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Kyrie Eleison BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 211

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7; 16-18 BCP, p. 702

Second Reading I Corinthians 1:3-9

Sequence "Sleepers, Wake!" Hymn 61

(Not sung)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form V, BCP p. 389

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

(You may make an offering online by using the code on p. 6 of this bulletin.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sanctus BCP p. 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

BCP p. 407

Invitation to Communion

(The celebrant will bring communion in one kind down the aisle to those who choose to receive. Please stay in your pew. You may cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing.)

Prayer for those who cannot receive the sacrament in person:

Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come into my heart in the power of your Holy Spirit. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. May I live and die in your love.

Music

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Hymn 640
(Not sung)

Post Communion Prayer Blessing BCP, p. 365

Procession

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (Not sung)

Hymn 68

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All baptized persons are normally invited to receive communion. Here are words from the Book of Common Prayer which could be adapted to our situation today:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness of physical disability, [or natural disaster, or pandemic,] is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, 457)

Bible Study on Tuesday

Our Bible study this week will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. As usual, we will meet on Zoom to study the lessons for the following Sunday.

In-Person Worship at Grace

We are continuing in person worship until further notice. Those who come are asked to wear some kind of face covering and keep a minimum of 6 feet away from other people. If you need to avoid using stairs, please come and go by way of the parish hall; otherwise, unless you have duties to discuss with the liturgical or technical team, please enter and leave the church by the red door. Fr. Joe will greet the people outside under the maple tree after the service. We have suspended coffee hour in Faith Hall until further notice, but there is a virtual Zoom coffee hour almost every Sunday. Karyl Beal has been hosting this gathering steadily for months now. The link is given in the Facebook broadcast during the service.

If you plan to attend church in person, please write Susan Austin (sjanawicz@aol.com) by Thursday at noon next week. We want all our members and visitors to be safe, stay well, and to be around when this disease is no longer troubling our land.

The Stewardship Campaign Continues

We appreciate those members of our church who have made stewardship talks in the last few of weeks. We have had some pledges turned in online, and some cards have been sent back to the church. Please look for an article on stewardship by Karyl Beal in the new issue of *Grace Notes*. And if you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge to the continuing support of Grace Episcopal Church for 2021.

The Facebook Live broadcast of the 10:00 a.m. service will continue from the Grace Church, Spring Hill's <u>Facebook group</u> <u>page</u>, and you can find it later on our church's YouTube account.

If you are a visitor, we are glad to have your with us this Sunday. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below.

To make a contribution to Grace Church, please use the code given below in this bulletin or mail your offering in to the office.



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