

The First Sunday After Christmas

Grace Episcopal Church

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

Prelude

Procession

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(Not sung)

Hymn

Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Gloria in Excelsis

BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 213

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

BCP, p. 725

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

Sequence

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”
(Not sung)

Hymn 87

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

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

Christ Our Passover

BCP p. 364

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

“Silent Night”
(*Not sung*)

Hymn 111

Post Communion Prayer
Blessing

BCP, p. 365

Procession

“Joy to the World!”
(*Not sung*)

Hymn 100

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 or 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)

There will be no Zoom Bible study this Tuesday. We will resume on Tuesday, January 5 at 10:00.

Fr. Joe

In-Person Worship at Grace

Thanks be to God for the vaccines now being made available in Tennessee to health care workers and nursing home personnel! Nevertheless, as Governor Lee and recent news reports have informed us, the coronavirus is spreading in Tennessee with increasing speed.

For some time, it will still be very important for all of us to take care not to expose ourselves or others to infection. We will continue to follow strict protocols at Grace for in person worship. Those who come are asked to wear a mask over their mouth and nose and keep a minimum of 6 feet away from other people. 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 Facebook Live broadcast of the 10:00 a.m. service will continue from the Grace Church, Spring Hill's [Facebook group page](#), and you can find it later on our church's YouTube account.

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

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