

Second Sunday of Advent

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

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

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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 "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" Hymn 343
(Not sung)

Post Communion Prayer
Blessing

BCP, p. 365

Procession "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
(Not sung)

Hymn 65

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)

Special Note on Music

After this bulletin was prepared, our organist, Deanie Moore, tested positive for the coronavirus and is now quarantining at home. Let us all pray that she may have a speedy recovery. The hymns were left in the bulletin so that you may at least look them up at home and sing them yourselves or just read the words.

Father Joe

Zoom Bible Study on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

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. Thanks go to all who

have turned in pledges either online or by regular mail. 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 **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 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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