

First Sunday After Christmas

Grace Episcopal Church

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

December 26, 2021

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

Prelude

Procession “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” Hymn 497

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

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

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

Amen.

Collect for Purity

Gloria BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 213

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 147:13-24 BCP, p. 804

Epistle Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Sequence “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Hymn 82

The Gospel John 1:1-18



Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(You may come to the altar rail for communion. Please note that we will not practice intinction for the time being. If you prefer not to receive the chalice, please cross your arms and bow your head when the priest or chalice bearer comes by.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.)*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession

“Joy to the World”

Hymn 100

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

## A Note to Visitors

We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you have any questions about our service or about membership in Grace Church, please reach out to us at one of the email addresses listed on the last page of this bulletin.

## Vicar's Time Off

I will be taking off the first two Sundays after Christmas. We welcome today the Rev. Sandy Herrmann. Next Sunday, January 2, our supply priest will be the Rev. Tom Wilson. Both are old friends to our congregation, and we will be glad to have them with us.

These Sundays are a continuation of our Christmas celebration. The lessons and hymns continue with the themes of the birth of Jesus and the incarnation of God's Word, with all the love and grace that means for the whole world. These are great days to be in church.

Father Joe

## Annual Meeting Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 9, we will hold our annual congregational meeting. It will begin in the nave of the church about five minutes after the service is over (about 11:20). We will hear reports from John Harvey, senior warden, and Fr. Joe, vicar, as well as ministry leaders. The mission council nominating committee has nominated Charles Cochran and Carol Martinez, and both have accepted their nomination. To vote at this meeting, you need to be an adult, confirmed member of Grace Church in good standing.

## Diocesan Convention January 21-22

The Diocesan Convention this year will be at St. George's, Nashville on January 21-22. Carol Martinez and Diann Schneider will be our two delegates.

## Stewardship, 2022

If you would like a pledge card, please let me, Carol Martinez, or John Harvey know, and we will get you one. You may return it to the church in person or by mail. You may also pledge by following the "giving" link at [graceepiscopalspringhill.org](http://graceepiscopalspringhill.org).

Father Joe

## Giving to Grace Church

To make a contribution to Grace Church, you may put a check in one of the offering plates at the front and back of the church; or you may send your offering in the mail to the office; or you may make a contribution online through our website or by scanning the computer code below into your smartphone.

If you have particular needs for prayer or other ministrations of the Church, please contact me, the office, or the senior warden.

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It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church  
to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,  
and bring Christ to our community.