

The Nativity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
Grace Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

December 24, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: 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

Confession BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory “Once in Royal David’s City” Hymn 102
(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sanctus BCP, p. 362

The Lord’s Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Pascha Nostrum BCP, p. 364

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 “Silent Night” Hymn 111

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Christmas Blessing

Procession “Joy to the World, the Lord is Come” 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 the next two Sundays off. We will be ably assisted by the Rev. Sandy Herrmann on December 26 and by the Rev. Tom Wilson on January 2. 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 continue with the theme of the birth of Jesus and the incarnation of God's Word, with all the love and grace that means for the whole world. This is a great time to be in church.

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.

Father Joe



Christmas Flowers

The poinsettias that decorate our church this Christmas are given by:

Susan Austin, in loving memory of her husband,
Tony Austin;

Laurie McNutt, in loving memory of her husband,
Dan McNutt;

The Rev. and Mrs. Joseph N. Davis (Cindy) in loving
memory of Barbara Douglas, caregiver of his father and
step-mother; and

Diann Schneider, in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Urban,
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schneider,
and her parents the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Schneider.

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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.