

First Sunday of Advent  
Grace Episcopal Church

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

November 27, 2022

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

Prelude

Procession “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” Hymn 57

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison S-95

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 211

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122 BCP, p. 779

(See lesson insert for text.)

Epistle Romans 13:11-14

Sequence “O Day of God, Draw Nigh” Hymn 601

Before the Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

After the Gospel

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	“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”	Hymn 68
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The Great Thanksgiving

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.)*

Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP, p. 361
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*(See service music sheet in your pew.)*

Sanctus	Hymnal S-124; BCP, p. 362
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*(See service music sheet in your pew.)*

The Lord’s Prayer	BCP, p. 364
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The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei	Hymnal S-124; BCP, p. 407
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Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(You may come to the altar rail for communion. 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.)*

Music During Communion

“Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us” Hymn 61

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” Hymn 59

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession

“The King Shall Come”

Hymn 73

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.

### Inquirers Class at 10:30 on Tuesdays

Our inquirers class will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. unless for some reason we take a break on a particular Tuesday. There is no pre-requisite for this class, but it would help to have a prayer book handy, and you may want to look in a Bible. Come if you like for any class. It would be good to arrive by 10:15 so you can get settled with a cup of coffee or some tea by 10:30.

### Donations to The Well, November 27th

Today the donations for The Well Outreach will be blessed. If you would like to donate items to this local food pantry, there is a collection box located in Faith Hall. Thank you for your contributions to this outreach ministry.

## Stewardship Drive

You have probably received a letter about stewardship and giving to Grace Church by now. We hope everyone will pray over this decision and then turn in a pledge, either on a pledge card or online, by December 11. Turning in your pledge early helps our treasurer make out a budget before 2023 begins. We very much appreciate the way the people of Grace come forward to support the Church financially.

Father Joe and the Mission Council

## Annual Meeting and Mission Council Elections

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will hear from representatives of the ministries of our church. Fr. Joe will give his annual vicar's report. We will elect three new members of the mission council, one of whom will fulfil Laurie McNutt's unexpired term.

Bishop John Bauerschmidt will come for his annual visitation on Sunday, January 15. Let us all plan to be at Grace to welcome him warmly.

## 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



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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.