

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, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

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

Prelude

Procession “Once in Royal David’s City” Hymn 102

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 “Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn 96

The Collect of the Day, I BCP, p. 213

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96 BCP, p. 725

*(See the service music sheet in your pew.)*

Epistle Titus 2:11-14

Sequence “’Twas in the Moon” Hymn 114

The Gospel Luke 2:1-20

## Before the Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## 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 III, BCP, p. 387

## Confession

BCP, p. 360

## The Peace

BCP, p. 360

## Offertory Sentence

Offertory “Angels From the Realms of Glory” Hymn 93  
*(All stand and sing.)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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

## Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

*(See the service music sheet in your pew.)*

## Sanctus

BCP, p. 362

*(See the service music sheet in your pew.)*

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The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Pascha Nostrum

BCP, p. 364

(See the service music sheet in your pew.)

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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.

*(Please come to the altar rail to receive communion. 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.)*

Communion Hymns:

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Hymn 82

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Hymn 81

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Hymn 94

*(The lights will be dimmed as we sing "Silent Night.")*

"Silent Night"

Hymn 111

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Christmas 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.

## Inquirers' Class

Our inquirers' class will meet next on January 2 at 3:00 p.m.

## Christmas Flowers

The poinsettias that decorate our church this Christmas were given

in memory of Tony Austin by Susan Austin;

in memory of Chad Bodine, Charles and Minnie Huff, Sam Isbell, Sr., Ronnie Davis, Charlene Prestidge, Carole Woodward, and Charles, Jr. by Sam and Donna Isbell;

in memory of the Topp family, the Bradberry family, and the Klammer family, by Brian and Elizabeth Klammer;

in memory of grandmothers Bette Gibson and Maggie O`Grady  
by Collin, Alec, and Evan Gibson-O`Grady;

in memory of Alice Ann Mitchum, Bill Fitts, Robert Fitts, and  
Allen, Horace, and Alice Polk, and Mattie `Patsy` Campbell  
Pointer, Mary Polk, and Millard Mitchum and Bud Mitchum  
and in celebration of and with gratitude for the Grace Church  
family by Alicia Fitts;

and in memory of Maclin and Dorothy Davis, Maclin Davis, III,  
and John R. Hill by Fr. Joe and Cindy Davis.

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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.