

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, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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

Prelude

The children will sing “Away in a Manger” just before the beginning of the service. The people are asked to join them in singing the third verse.

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 Hymn S-280; BCP, p. 356

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

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

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96 BCP, p. 725

(See the service music sheet in your pew.)

Epistle Titus 2:11-14

Sequence “Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn 96

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 Hymnal S-125; BCP, p. 367
(See the service music sheet in your pew.)

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread
Pascha Nostrum Hymn S-152, BCP, p. 364
(See the service music sheet in your pew.)

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:

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Hymn 81

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Hymn 82

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Hymn 114

(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 Tuesday, January 7 at a time to be announced.

Christmas Flowers

The poinsettias that decorate our church this Christmas were given

by Susan Austin in memory of Tony Austin;

by the Rev. Joseph and Cynthia Davis in memory of her mother, Evelyn Hill;

and by John and Wanda Harvey in memory of their son Bull and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren.

Giving to Grace Church

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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.